

# LESSON PLAN: E Minor With a Funk Groove

## Objective:

Students will be able to play “Thank You” by Sly and the Family Stone using the E minor chord and a steady strum pattern.

### Resources:

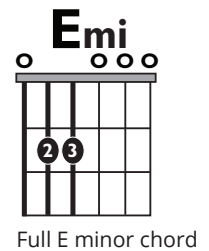
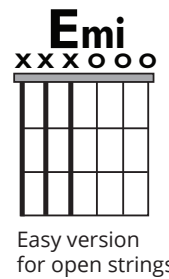
Recording of “Thank You” by Sly and the Family Stone, Lyrics, E minor chord handout.

### Procedures:

- 1 Demonstrate playing an E minor chord
- 2 Direct students in playing the E minor chord on their guitars using the handout.
- 3 Use the strum pattern together as a group, making sure the arm continuously moves up and down.
- 4 Listen to the song “Thank You” by Sly and the Family Stone as a group. Point out every time you hear the chorus. Discuss how the chorus is different from the verse. Practice singing the chorus along with the recording.
- 5 Perform the song along with the recording using the strum pattern.

### Extensions:

- 1 Perform the song as a group without the recording, having some students sing verses and encouraging everyone to sing the chorus. Since the song stays on E minor the whole time, a bass line can be improvised by some students using the low E string.
- 2 Compose a one chord song using E minor as a group. Ask students to participate in writing lyrics relevant to them and the school!



### National Core Arts Standards (Music):

Anchor Standard 4: Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.

Example: General Music MU:Pr4.2.3 a. Demonstrate understanding of the structure in music selected for performance. Anchor Standard 5: Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation. Example: General Music MU:Pr5.1.3 b. Rehearse to refine technical accuracy, expressive qualities, and identified performance challenges.

