

## Kardemimmit Finland

### Discussion Questions

After viewing Kardemimmit's Workshop and Off The Stage videos, use these questions for discussion:

1. What did you learn from Kardemimmit's videos and about Finnish folk music that you didn't know before?
2. Have you seen a kantele or an instrument like the kantele before? What does it remind you of?
3. In the Workshop video, members of Kardemimmit spend some time explaining their lyrics, including songs about the hope that each day brings, the experience of an outsider learning to grow in confidence, and the experiences of women in the world. What do you think about the meaning of Kardemimmit's songs?
4. If you heard Kardemimmit's music in a movie, what kind of scene do you think it would be in?
5. Kardemimmit's members met as friends at the same school and they decided to form a band together. If you and your friends formed a band, what kind of music would you play?
6. Each of Kardemimmit's members began playing the kantele when they were quite young. Do you think it's important to learn instruments and learn about music from a young age?
7. In Kardemimmit's Off the Stage video, they show a few different winter outdoor activities, like sledding, skiing, and kick sledding. Have you tried these things? What do you like to do outdoors in the winter?
8. In the Off the Stage video, Leeni and Anna show how they use kick sleds to get around their neighborhood in the winter, Leeni takes the train, and Samuli's kids bike to school. How do you get around in the wintertime?
9. In the Off the Stage video, Leeni and Anna also talk about a kick sled which belonged to their great grandmother. Do you have any heirlooms in your family that have been passed down through generations?
10. In the Off the Stage video, Anna shows old photos of her family's home in Finland. Do you enjoy looking at old photos of your family? Do you have relatives or know anyone from Finland?
11. In the Off the Stage video, a few Kardemimmit members visit saunas, which are very popular in Finland. Have you ever visited a sauna? Where do you go to relax?
12. In the Off the Stage video, Samuli cooks a meal for his family, with the help of his daughter. Do you and your family cook together? What do you like to make?
13. Think about the scenery shown in the Off the Stage video. Does it remind you of where you live? What is the same and what is different?
14. If you could ask any of the members of Kardemimmit a question, what would you ask?