

Paulo Padilha e Bando Brazil

Discussion Questions

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

1. What did you learn from Paulo's videos and about Samba music that you didn't know before?
2. What instruments do you recognize from Paulo's band? Which instruments were new to you?
3. What does Paulo's music make you think of? Does it remind you of anything you've heard before?
4. What did you think about Dani's body percussion in the Workshop video? Did you know you could make music without an instrument?
5. In the Workshop video, Paulo's ensemble members each talk about how they got started with music and learning Samba, including traditions from their hometowns. What traditions do you have from your hometown?
6. Paulo's bandmates also talk about their friendship with Paulo and how they met. Do you and your friends like to make art, make music, or do anything creative together?
7. Did you know people in Brazil speak Portuguese? What Portuguese words did you learn from Paulo?
8. Paulo and his band members live in and around São Paulo which is one of the largest cities in the world. What's the largest city you have visited and how does its population compare to the estimated 12 million residents of São Paulo?
9. In his Off The Stage video, Paulo takes us around the city and countryside in Brazil. Did you see anything that reminds you of where you live? What about anywhere you've visited?
10. Paulo also takes us to visit his friend who is an artisan and puppet maker for Carnival. What do you do to prepare for holidays you celebrate? Do you make art to use as decoration?
11. Paulo spends a lot of time traveling around the city, cooking, and playing music with his son. What activities do you like to do with your family? What recipes do you cook together?
12. At the market, Paulo orders cane juice, made from sugarcane in Brazil. What is your favorite food to eat that grows in your area?
13. If you could ask Paulo or his band members a question, what would you ask?
14. If Paulo's band was to come to your town, what would you like to show the members of the band in your town and why?
15. Paulo enjoys telling the story, "The Legend of the Starfish." It's a sweet and short story. If you could tell Paulo a short story, what would it be?