

# “En clave”: Latin American Music, a Historical Journey

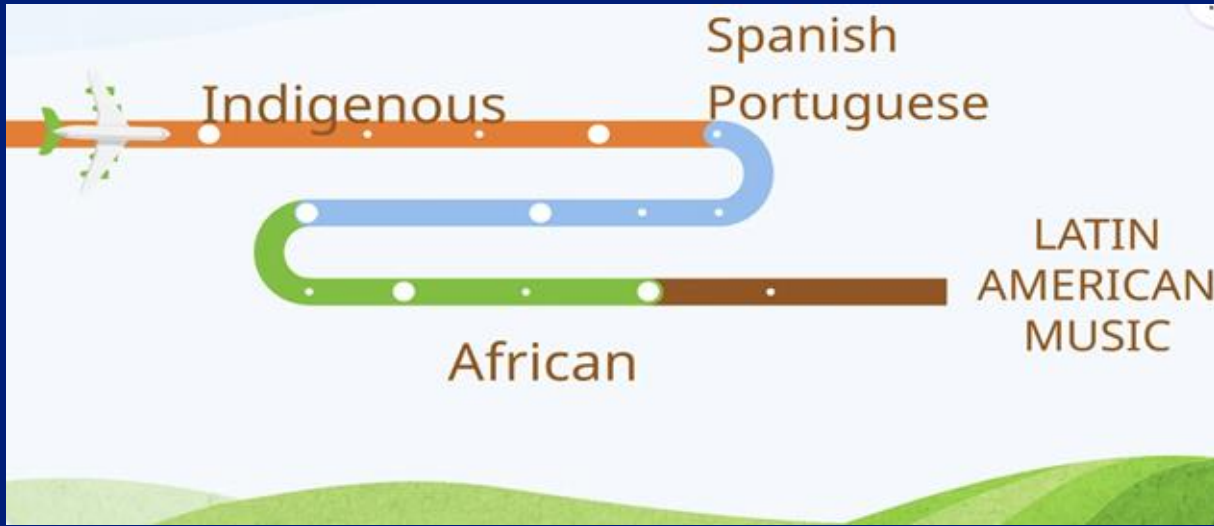
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# Why do we play/listen to music?

Turn to your neighbor, share! (1 minute)



The music of Latin America is the product of three major influences:

- Indigenous
- European (mostly Spanish and Portuguese)
- African

# Indigenous Music



The indigenous music of Latin America was largely functional in:

- Being used for religious worship and ceremonies.
- Served to implore the gods for a good harvest
- Victory in battle, to guard against sickness
- Natural disasters and provide recreation.

# Indigenous Instruments



# European Music



- Brought their own music and musical instruments which were more string-based.



# African Music



## Historical and Cultural Background of African Music

- ❖ Singing, dancing, hand clapping, and the beating of drums are essential to many ceremonies : birth, death, initiation, marriage and funerals.
- ❖ Important to religious expression and political events.
- ❖ It has great influences on global music ( contemporary American, Latin American, and European styles)
- ❖ Hand clapping is the basic rhythmic accompaniment of nomadic tribes.

# African Instruments



# How do we get to today's Latin American music

**Indigenous Development**

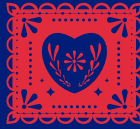
**Conquest: imposition**

**Slave Trade**

**Transculturation**

Hybridization of musical practices occurs in every region. The imported art /music practices became part of the colonial cultures and were in turn infused with local and regional instruments. Today, various national musical characteristics had asserted themselves in all types of musical practice, while international trends flowed into the regional musical stream as well.

Music and dance are interdependent, and to some extent dance is part of the music story, especially in the sacred and secular folk realm. As folk dances transformed into social and ballroom dances current around the world in the 21st century, and as popular music traveled with emigrants, Latin American music and dance have become important in other places, especially the United States.





cumbia



mariachi

Son



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**THANK  
YOU!**

