



# Playing the French Horn

<b>Age Range:</b>	Late Elementary, Middle School
<b>About:</b>	Students will be introduced to the French horn
<b>Total Video Time:</b>	2:26 (lesson only); 7:16 (with extension)

## INTRODUCTION

Meet French horn player Alexander Henton! He will tell you about his instrument and why he chose to play it.

[Click here](#) to play the video. (Video approx. 2.5 minutes)

## FUN FACTS

- Take a good look at the French horn. Do you notice it's basically just one long tube wrapped in a coil? If you were to uncoil that long tube, it would be about 12 or 13 feet long!
- Should we call it "French" horn, or just "horn"? Not everyone agrees! Read [this short article](#) to learn more.
- The French horn is a relative of early hunting horns that were used to send signals across far distances. A hunting horn might have played loud sounds to let people know they were in danger or to announce the beginning of an important event.

## LISTEN and WATCH

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