



Playing the Trumpet

Age Range:	Late Elementary, Middle School
About:	Students will be introduced to the trumpet
Total Video Time:	1:12 (lesson only); 3:01 (with extension)

INTRODUCTION

Meet trumpet player Marissa Benedict. She will tell you about her instrument and why she chose to play it.

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FUN FACTS

- Trumpets, like other brass instruments, sometimes play with mutes. A mute changes the [timbre](#), or sound, of the instrument. Mutes are especially common in jazz.
- Trumpets look pretty small compared to many other brass instruments, but they have a lot of tubing wrapped up in coils. If you were to stretch out that tubing, it would be about 6.5 feet long!
- Trumpets didn't always have valves! The invention of valves in the 1800s made it easier for trumpet players to reach more pitches.

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