

Activity Sheet: **Paint A Song!**

A ragamala is a series of paintings depicting ragas (or musical notes). The word raga also means color and mood, and the depiction of these moods was a favored subject in the paintings. The moods are also linked to seasons—summer, monsoon, autumn, early winter, winter, and spring—and times of the day, dawn, dusk, night, and so on.



Here is a ragamala painting of Ashavari Ragini where a beautiful woman is shown controlling a snake through her magical powers. The painting is meant to make one feel awestruck and enchanted by the beauty of the woman and her powers.

Ashavari is meant to be sung in the morning around 9.00 am. Look at the details in this painting around the woman – are there any hints that suggest what the time of day might be?

What do you think is the overall mood of this image and which song would suit as a background score for it?

Time to make your own song painting!

#1 Pick your favourite song, and answer the following questions around it:

- ★ If the song were a mood or feeling, what would that be?
- ★ If you could build a story around this mood, what would it be?
- ★ If the song were a colour, what would it be?
- ★ When do you usually listen to this song?
(Choose a time of day / a time of the year that you think it suits most)

We're so excited about this, we're doing it along with you!

We have picked the song " Watermelon Sugar High " by Harry Styles.
And here is what we think about it

MOOD

Relaxed

STORY

Vacation with friends

COLOUR

Pinks and purples

TIME

Evening

#2 Now make some rough layouts.

You can choose to go abstract using only colours, lines and shapes or have characters and things one can recognise.

#3 Once you have decided your approach, make a final draft!

And that's it, your song-painting is ready! It's really that simple.
Here is what our painting for Watermelon Sugar High looks like.
Do you know this song? How would you visualise it?



Don't forget to take photographs of your creations and DM it to us on Instagram @mapbangalore. You can also email them to us at education@map-india.org