

Marching Band and Stories

Note: This assignment is available on our website (PinerBand.org) with links to all of the videos)

Marching bands used to be military groups that marched in blocks, but in the past 50 years, it has turned into art that affects the eyes and ears. Drum Corps International, or DCI, is a group of professional marching bands that have been making the most artistic marching shows.

Part 1 – Answer the following questions about DCI on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What year was DCI started?
2. What are the names of 4 groups in DCI?
3. What time of year do DCI groups compete?
4. How old do you have to be to start in DCI?
5. What is the oldest age for playing in DCI?

Part 2 – Watch the following videos of professional marching bands and answer the following questions for **EACH** video. Write your answers in complete sentences on the same separate sheet of paper.

Blue Coats – Tilt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bp1yaEbIfI8>

Blue Devils – Ink

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuiZQaxg4E>

Carolina Crown – $e=mc^2$

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxBPVrXpQQY>

Remember to answer EACH question for EACH video in complete sentences.

1. What do you think was the story they were trying to tell?
2. What did you see that made you think that?
3. What did you hear that made you think that?
4. What else do you think they could add to make the story clearer?