The Power of Music
Unit 8: Composing Music
Michael Blakeslee on the need to put more emphasis on creating music
Video clip transcript

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All music teachers agree that we should be teaching creation as part of our music education. But most music teachers would admit that we give less emphasis to creation than we do to responding to music and performing music. In this video, we see a wonderful example of professional musicians being actually directed by students in the performance of the students' work. This brings a great message to the kids that they are and can and should be creators of music. It also gives kids the opportunity to be in the driver's seat, where they're the leaders of the ensemble.