



# The San Fernando Explorer - An Interactive Learning Adventure

## Benefits of the San Fernando Explorer

The San Fernando Explorer offers an interactive learning adventure through the outdoor museum at different landmarks within the city of San Fernando. This engaging experience provides numerous benefits for visitors of all ages:

### Cultural Immersion:

Dive deep into San Fernando's rich heritage through hands-on exploration of historical landmarks. Experience the city's multicultural tapestry that reflects influences from indigenous peoples, Spanish colonization, and modern developments.

### Educational Value:

Transform historical learning from passive to active through interactive exhibits that bring San Fernando's past to life. The Explorer program contextualizes historical events within their original settings.

### Community Connection:

Foster a stronger connection between residents and their city's history, promoting civic pride and preservation of cultural assets.

### Family-Friendly Activity:

Provide meaningful educational entertainment that engages all family members while creating lasting memories together.

### Technological Integration:

Utilize modern technology to enhance traditional historical interpretation, making learning more accessible and appealing to younger generations.

**By participating in the San Fernando Explorer, visitors gain a deeper appreciation for the city's significant contributions to regional history while enjoying an engaging outdoor educational experience.**



# Winston "Spree" Simon: Pan Pioneer

## Learning About Trinidad's Famous Steelpan Inventor!

### Who Was Winston "Spree" Simon?

Winston "Spree" Simon was a special person from Trinidad who helped invent the steelpan - Trinidad and Tobago's national instrument! He discovered that by hitting different parts of an oil drum, he could make beautiful music notes. His invention changed music forever!

### Fill in the Blanks

Use the word bank to complete the sentences about Winston "Spree" Simon.

Word Bank: **Steelpan, Notes, Ping Pong, Trinidad, Music, Oil Drums, All Stars**

1. Winston "Spree" Simon was born in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He discovered how to make \_\_\_\_\_ by hitting different parts of an oil drum.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is now the national instrument of Trinidad and Tobago.
4. Spree Simon created the first "\_\_\_\_\_ pan" that could play a complete scale.
5. People used to think \_\_\_\_\_ were just trash, but Simon turned them into instruments!
6. Simon was a leader of the Trinidad \_\_\_\_\_ Percussion Orchestra.
7. Steelpan \_\_\_\_\_ is now famous all around the world.

### True or False?

Circle **T** for True or **F** for False for each statement:

1. **T / F** - Winston "Spree" Simon was from Jamaica.
2. **T / F** - The steelpan was made from old oil drums.
3. **T / F** - Spree Simon's invention is now Trinidad's national instrument.
4. **T / F** - The first steelpan could only play one note.
5. **T / F** - Spree Simon performed his music for important people.



# Steelpan Word Search

PANMUSICWINSTON  
INVENTORDRUMBSP  
NOTESTRINIDADPR  
GIPERCUSSIONARE  
PLTOBAGOCULTURE  
ODSIMONMELODYFS  
NRTBANDPIONEERI  
GUECARNIVALSTEM  
AMEBARRACKYARDO  
LSLCALYPSORDIKN

## Words to find:

WINSTON,  
SIMON,  
SPREE,  
PAN,  
MUSIC,  
DRUM,  
NOTES,  
TRINIDAD,  
PERCUSSION,  
MELODY,  
INVENTOR,  
PIONEER,  
BAND,  
CARNIVAL,  
BARRACKYARD,  
CALYPSO

## Draw Your Own Steelpan!

Imagine you are Winston "Spree" Simon creating the first steelpan. Draw what you think it might look like:

Label the parts of your steelpan and show where different notes might be played!

## Timeline Match-Up

Draw lines to match the events in Spree Simon's life with when they happened:

1. Winston "Spree" Simon was born **1946**
2. First discovered pan could make notes **1930**
3. Created the "ping pong" pan **Late 1930s**
4. Performed at Festival of Britain **1951**

## What Would You Ask?

Imagine you could meet Winston "Spree" Simon! Write three questions you would like to ask him:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Sound Science

The steelpan makes different sounds depending on:

- The size of the dents in the pan
- Where you hit the pan
- How hard you hit the pan

**Activity:** Find three different metal objects at home (with adult permission). Tap them gently with a spoon. How are the sounds different? Write down what you discover:

Object 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Sound: \_\_\_\_\_

Object 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Sound: \_\_\_\_\_

Object 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Sound: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fun Facts About Steelpan

- \* Steelpans were first made from old oil drums that were thrown away.
- \* The steelpan is the only acoustic musical instrument invented in the 20th century!
- \* Different types of steelpans play different notes - some play high notes and others play low notes.
- \* A group of steelpan players is called a "steel orchestra" or "pan band."
- \* Steelpans are played at Trinidad's famous Carnival celebration.

## Create a Thank You Note

Write a short thank you note to Winston "Spree" Simon for inventing the steelpan:

Dear Winston "Spree" Simon,

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

From,

\_\_\_\_\_



## Your Turn to Be an Inventor!

If you could invent a new musical instrument like Winston "Spree" Simon did, what would it be? Draw and describe your invention:

My instrument is called:

\_\_\_\_\_

It makes music by:

\_\_\_\_\_

It is special because:

\_\_\_\_\_

## CONGRATULATIONS!

You've learned all about Winston "Spree" Simon and his amazing invention, the steelpan! Now you know how one person's creativity can change music forever!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Skiffle Bunch Steel Orchestra

## Fun Facts and Activities about Trinidad's Amazing Steelband!

### Meet Skiffle Bunch!

Skiffle Bunch is one of Trinidad and Tobago's most famous steel orchestras! They started in San Fernando in 1975. The name "Skiffle" comes from a style of making rhythm by beating spoons and household items together. Today, they play beautiful music on steelpan and perform all around the world!

### Fill in the Missing Words

Use the words below to complete the sentences about Skiffle Bunch.

Word Bank: **San Fernando, 1975, Panorama, Steelpan, Skiffle Yard, Youth, World**

1. Skiffle Bunch Steel Orchestra was formed in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Their home city in Trinidad is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The orchestra's special instruments are called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They have won many \_\_\_\_\_ competitions in Trinidad.
5. Skiffle Bunch has traveled around the \_\_\_\_\_ to perform music.
6. Their practice and performance space is called "The \_\_\_\_\_."
7. They teach \_\_\_\_\_ how to play the steelpan to keep the tradition alive.

### True or False?

Circle **T** for True or **F** for False:

1. **T / F** - Skiffle Bunch only plays one type of music.
2. **T / F** - The orchestra was named after beating household items for rhythm.
3. **T / F** - Skiffle Bunch has never performed outside of Trinidad.
4. **T / F** - They help teach young people how to play steelpan.
5. **T / F** - Skiffle Bunch was formed in Port of Spain.

# Music Word Search

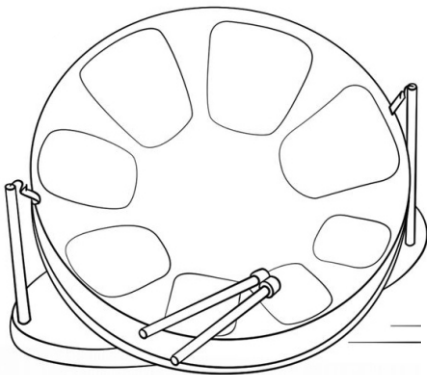
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## Words to find:

SKIFFLE  
 BUNCH  
 STEELPANS  
 ORCHESTRA  
 TRINIDAD  
 TOBAGO  
 SAN FERNANDO  
 PANORAMA  
 CARNIVAL  
 MUSICIANS  
 PERFORM  
 YARD  
 MUSIC  
 RHYTHM  
 SOCA  
 CALYPSO  
 JAZZ  
 CULTURE  
 YOUTH

## Color the Steelpan!

Below is an outline of a steelpan instrument. Color it and decorate it with bright Caribbean colors!



## Design Your Own Band Logo

Skiffle Bunch has its own special logo. Design a cool logo for your own imaginary steelband:

My steelband's name is:

\_\_\_\_\_

## Match the Music Styles

Draw lines connecting the types of music that Skiffle Bunch plays:

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|--------------|--|
| 1. Calypso   | Classical music with orchestras        |
| 2. Soca      | Fast-paced dance music from Trinidad   |
| 3. Classical | Older traditional Trinidad music       |
| 4. Jazz      | Music with lots of improvisation       |
| 5. Reggae    | Music from Jamaica with a special beat |

## What Would You Hear?

Imagine you're visiting "The Skiffle Yard" where the orchestra practices. Draw a picture of what you might see and hear:

Write three sounds you might hear:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Musical Math

1. If a small steelband has 8 players, and each player has 2 pan sticks, how many pan sticks are there in total? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If Skiffle Bunch has 120 members and they need to travel on buses that hold 30 people each, how many buses do they need? \_\_\_\_\_
3. If a steelpan has 28 notes and there are 6 steelpans, how many notes in total? \_\_\_\_\_

## Fun Facts About Skiffle Bunch

- \* The name "Skiffle" comes from making music with everyday items!
- \* They have won important competitions called "Panorama" multiple times.
- \* Skiffle Bunch has performed in many countries around the world.
- \* They play all kinds of music - not just calypso and soca!
- \* They help teach children how to play the steelpan.
- \* Their home is in San Fernando, the second-largest city in Trinidad.
- \* "The Skiffle Yard" is where they practice and perform.

## A Day in the Life

Imagine you are a member of Skiffle Bunch for a day!  
Write a short story about your adventure:

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## Create a Steelband Poster

Design a poster advertising a Skiffle Bunch concert:

Be sure to include:

- \* The band name
- \* When and where the concert is
- \* Pictures of steelpans
- \* Bright colors!

## What I Learned About Skiffle Bunch

Write down three new things you learned about Skiffle Bunch Steel Orchestra:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Great Job!

You now know all about Skiffle Bunch Steel Orchestra! Maybe someday you can visit Trinidad and Tobago to hear them play!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Exploring Harris Promenade

**A Fun Adventure Through San Fernando's History!**

## Hello Explorer!

Today we're going on an exciting journey along Harris Promenade in San Fernando, Trinidad! This special street is home to many important landmarks that tell us about Trinidad's history. Let's discover them together!

### Match the Landmark!

Draw a line connecting each landmark to its correct description:

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|----------------------|--|
| 1. The Last Train    | A beautiful meeting place where bands play music     |
| 2. The City Hall     | A big hill that lets you see the whole city          |
| 3. The Bandstand     | An old train that reminds us of railway days         |
| 4. San Fernando Hill | A tall building with a clock where city leaders work |
| 5. The Clock         | A place where you can borrow many books to read      |

### Fill in the Missing Words!

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Centre was once a school run by special teachers called nuns.
2. The Old \_\_\_\_\_ House shows how wealthy merchants lived long ago.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Station helps keep everyone in San Fernando safe.
4. High \_\_\_\_\_ is where people go shopping in San Fernando.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Church Sculpture is a piece of art that reminds us about faith.

### Landmark Scavenger Hunt!

When you visit Harris Promenade, try to find these landmarks and check them off:

- A building with a clock tower
- An old train
- A place where you can read books
- A round stand where musicians perform
- A big hill in the distance

### Fun Facts Corner!

- \* The Last Train stopped running in 1968. That's more than 50 years ago!
- \* San Fernando is named after Spain's King Ferdinand VII.
- \* Harris Promenade was named after Lord Harris, who was a Governor of Trinidad.
- \* The City Hall was built in 1931 and is almost 100 years old!
- \* From San Fernando Hill, on a clear day, you can sometimes see Venezuela!



## Draw Your Favorite Landmark!

Use this space to draw your favorite landmark from Harris Promenade:

Why did you choose this landmark? Write 2-3 sentences:

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### Time Travel Questions!

Imagine you could travel back in time to when these landmarks were new!

1. What would you see at the train station when trains were still running?
2. Who might you meet at the Bandstand 100 years ago?
3. What books do you think were in the Library when it first opened?

### Word Search!

Find these words about Harris Promenade landmarks:

TRAINBANDSTANDP  
LIBRARYCLOCKQWO  
CITYHALLZXHILL  
MONTANOJPRICEKI  
CLUNYANGLICANH

### Words to find:

TRAIN, CITYHALL, BANDSTAND, HILL, CLOCK,  
LIBRARY, MONTANO, CLUNY, ANGLICAN, POLICE

### Create Your Own Landmark!

If you could add a new landmark to Harris Promenade, what would it be? Draw and describe it:

My new landmark is called: \_\_\_\_\_

It is special because: \_\_\_\_\_

### Well Done, Explorer!

You now know all about the special landmarks of Harris Promenade! Next time you visit San Fernando, see if you can spot them all!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_