

Exploring Music Internet Worksheet

<http://homepage.mac.com/cohora/ext/musicsym.html>

Based on the outstanding educational web site of the San Francisco Symphony. You must have the Flash plugin to use the site. If you don't have Flash 5, go get it for free from Macromedia.

Directions: Click on the linked words to open a new window showing the San Francisco Symphony web site. Use the navigation buttons inside the site to go to each section. Review the questions for the section on this web page while you wait for the loading.

1. Explore The Basics. How many lines in a staff?

In a time signature, what does the top number tell the musician?

What is pitch?

2. Explore Tempo. What is meant by tempo?

Name the tool that musicians use to help them practice at a specific tempo.

What is a very fast tempo called?

3. Check out Rhythm.

Rhythm is made up of and

They give several examples of rhythm like bouncing basketballs. Give one of your own.

What kind of rhythm is number 5. In what kind of music would you hear it?

4. Here's the Pitch! - Write three facts about pitch.

5. Harmony - What does harmony give to music?

What is written music called?


How does the harmony change the melody?

Extra Credit: Name the melody being played in the Harmony Viewer.

6. Symbols

What are the symbols for volume called?

What does the pp symbol mean? How should you play if another p is added? (ppp)

What does this notation symbol mean? 

What is the symbol for play the music "loud and strong"?

7. Instruments of the Orchestra

Name the four families of musical instruments.

Explore one and write 3 facts about that instrument.

"Without music, life is a journey through a desert." -- Pat Conroy