

Listening Checklist

Using Expressive and Musical Listening Skills

Ensemble?

- Band
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Chamber
- Other

Title of Piece

ID Composer

ID Period/Genre?

- Medieval
- Renaissance
- Baroque
- Classical
- Romantic
- Impressionistic
- Modern/Contemporary

Any obvious style qualities from the period?

Texture(s)

- Monophonic
- Polyphonic
- Homophonic

Articulation/Playing Style?

- legato - smooth
- staccato - short and accented

Instrumentation?

Tone Colors/Timbres

Woodwinds

- Flute/Piccolo
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Bassoon

Brass

- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Baritone
- Tuba

Strings

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Bass
- Harp

Percussion

- Snare Drum
- Bass Drum
- Cymbals
- Tambourine
- Triangle
- Timpani
- Chimes
- Woodblock
- Piano
- Xylophone
- Bells

Voices

- Soprano
- Alto
- Tenor
- Bass

What do you hear?

Rhythms?

- Straight forward
- Syncopation

Melodies?

- Conjunct
- Disjunct

Harmonies?

- consonance
- dissonance

Dynamics (Listed from Soft to Loud)

- pp** pianissimo - very soft
- p** piano - soft
- mp** mezzo piano - medium soft
- mf** mezzo forte - medium loud
- f** forte - loud
- ff** fortissimo - very loud

Tempo (Listed from Slow to Fast)

- Grave - very slow and solemn (pronounced "GRAH-vay")
- Largo - slow and broad ("LAR-go")
- Larghetto - not quite as slow as largo ("lar-GET-oh")
- Adagio - slow ("uh-DAH-zgee-oh")
- Lento - slow ("LEN-toe")
- Andante - literally "walking", a medium tempo ("on-DON-tay")
- Moderato - moderate, or medium ("MOD-er-AH-toe")
- Allegretto - Not as fast as allegro ("AL-luh-GRET-oh")
- Allegro - fast ("uh-LAY-grow")
- Vivo, or Vivace - lively and brisk ("VEE-voh") ("vee-VAH-chay")
- Presto - very fast ("PRESS-toe")
- Prestissimo - very, very fast ("press-TEE-see-moe")

Variations in Dynamics

- crescendo - to get louder ("kra-SHEN-doe")
- decrescendo - to get softer ("dee-kra-SHEN-doe")
- diminuendo - to get softer ("dee-min-you-EN-doe")

Variations in Tempo

- accelerando - to get faster ("ah-chell-er-ON-doe")
- rallentando - to get slower ("rall-on-TAWN-doe")
- ritardando - to get slower ("ree-tar-DON-doe")
- rubato - gets faster and slower ("ru-BAH-toe")