

Unit 3: Tempo

Content Area: **Unified Arts**
Course(s): **Music 2**
Time Period: **October**
Length: **2 weeks**
Status: **Published**

Unit Summary

During this unit, students will explore the speed of the beat. Classroom activities will include chants, song literature, instrument activities, and listening examples to discover different tempos (using traditional terminology).

Student Learning Objectives

Students will learn...

- traditional terminology and meanings of varying tempo markings. (Fine, Largo, Andante, Allegro, Presto, A poco a poco, Accelerando, Ritardando)
- how a metronome can help musicians recognize and perform varying tempos.

Essential Questions

- How can tempo enhance the beauty, interpretation, level of interest, and entertainment quality of a piece of music?
- How do varying tempos change the expressive qualities and aesthetic elements of a work of music?

Enduring Understandings

Students will understand that ...

- there are many tempos, each with their own symbol and meaning.
- composers utilize varying tempos to add expressive elements and excitement to the music they create.
- the tempo of a piece of music can change many times throughout the length of the song.

Application

Students will be able to independently use their learning to ...

- Identify/label various tempos using aural prompts
- Perform various tempos using instruments and singing voices
- Conduct various tempos using hand gestures and classroom batons

Skills

Students will be skilled at ...

- Aurally identifying tempo in standard terms when listening to song literature
- Performing all tempo markings, both with instruments and singing voices
- Identifying the correct tempo while listening to aural prompts
- Understanding tempo markings when viewing printed scores

Resources

- Student Materials
- Teacher Materials
- Technology
- Professional Texts
- Lesson Plans
- Listening Maps
- Library of Listening Samples from Varying Cultures and Time Periods
- Professional Organization Resources
- Teacher Collaboration Sharing Sites and Social Media Resources
- Practice Website Links on Mrs. Repsher's CTSD Teacher Page