

# Unit 3: Tempo

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

## Unit Summary

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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

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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

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- 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

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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

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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**

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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**

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- 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