# Unit 1: The Nature of Music

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# Music Theory 1, 9-12

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## Unit Overview

In this unit the students will learn the fundamental elements of music. The students will also learn the foundations for reading and writting music. This includes the different units of rhtyhm and the notation systems for treble and bass clef. This unit should be a review unit for a majority of students in the class.

## Enduring Understanding

- Music is a non-linguistic communication system
- Music theory systems are dynamic and changing
- Music theory is rooted in Ancient Greek and Roman ideals of beauty
- There are many music theory systems and the theory explored in this course originated in Western Europe
- Combinations and manipulation of musical elements makes a piece of music more or less successful. Knowing theory doesn't guarantee a "good" piece of music.
- Critique is an essential process to music making
- The elements of music contribute to music's aesthetic and expressive nature

- Music is its own language with its own structure and syntax

## Essential Questions

- What is music?
- How do we use elements of music to communicate?
- Why is there more than one system of music theory?
- What purpose does a system serve?
- What makes a piece of music successful or unsuccessful?
- How does the study of music from different historical periods and cultures enrich my understanding of music today?

## Exit Skills

By the end of this unit the students should be able to:

- Decode symbols used in Music
- Use simple music notation

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS-S)

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| VPA.1.1.12.B.1 | Examine how aspects of meter, rhythm, tonality, intervals, chords, and harmonic progressions are organized and manipulated to establish unity and variety in genres of musical compositions. |
| VPA.1.1.12.B.2 | Synthesize knowledge of the elements of music in the deconstruction and performance of complex musical scores from diverse cultural contexts. |
| VPA.1.3.12.B.2 | Analyze how the elements of music are manipulated in original or prepared musical scores. |
| VPA.1.3.12.B.3 | Improvise works through the conscious manipulation of the elements of music, using a variety of traditional and nontraditional sound sources, including electronic sound-generating equipment and music generation programs. |

## Interdisciplinary Connections

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| LA.RST.9-10.3 | Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks, attending to special cases or exceptions defined in the text. |
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| LA.RST.11-12.4 | Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11-12 texts and topics. |
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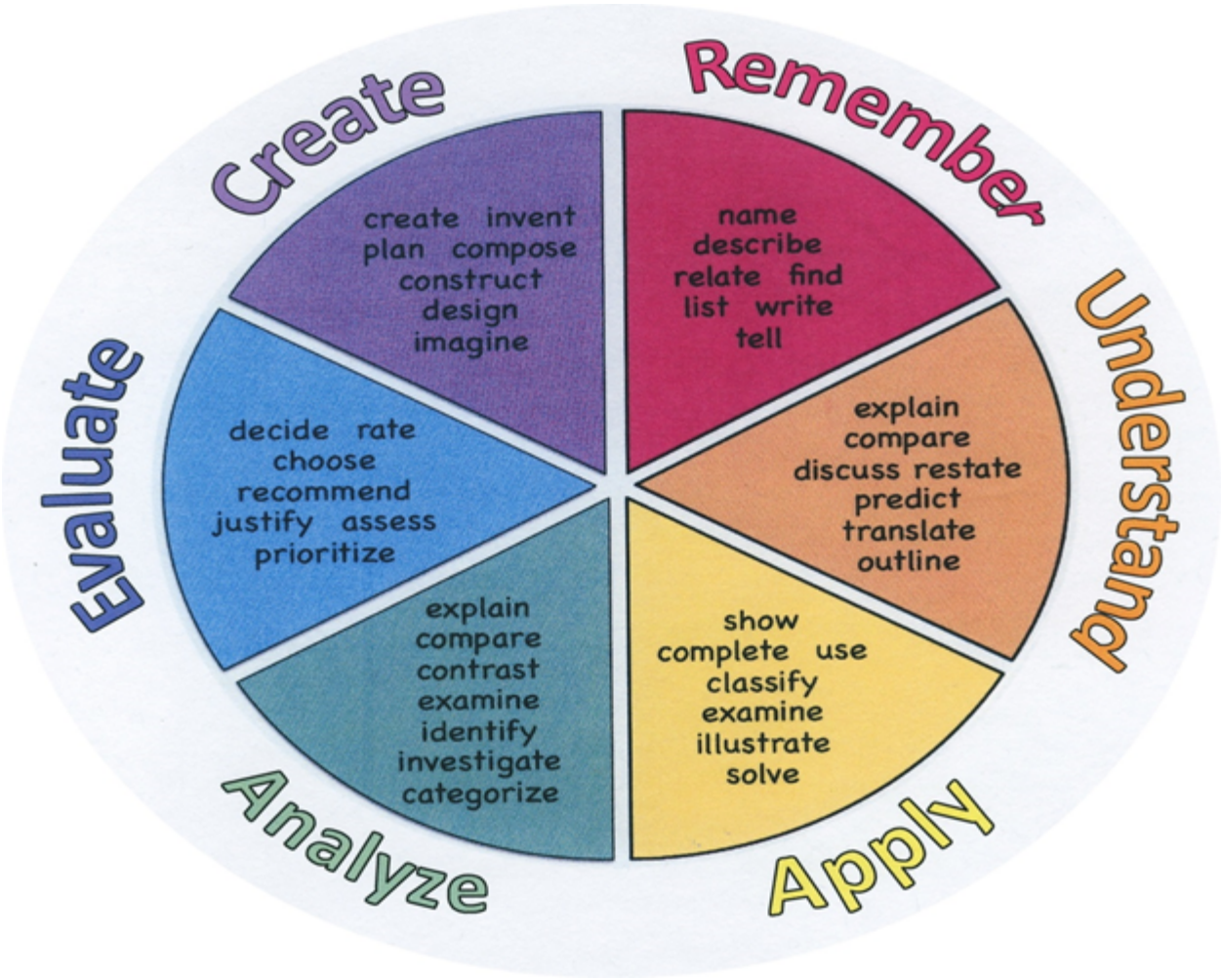
## Learning Objectives

**By the end of this unit the students will be able to:**

- Identify inherent elements of music
- Recognize how western culture influenced the system of theory presented in this course
- Draw Musical Symbols
- Identify the notes on the lines and spaces of the treble and bass clef
- Identify the basic elements of rhythm

**Action Verbs:** Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

| Remember | Understand | Apply | Analyze | Evaluate | Create |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Choose | Classify | Choose | Categorize | Appraise | Combine |
| Describe | Defend | Dramatize | Classify | Judge | Compose |
| Define | Demonstrate | Explain | Compare | Criticize | Construct |
| Label | Distinguish | Generalize | Differentiate | Defend | Design |
| List | Explain | Judge | Distinguish | Compare | Develop |
| Locate | Express | Organize | Identify | Assess | Formulate |
| Match | Extend | Paint | Infer | Conclude | Hypothesize |
| Memorize | Give Examples | Prepare | Point out | Contrast | Invent |
| Name | Illustrate | Produce | Select | Critique | Make |
| Omit | Indicate | Select | Subdivide | Determine | Originate |
| Recite | Interrelate | Show | Survey | Grade | Organize |
| Select | Interpret | Sketch | Arrange | Justify | Plan |
| State | Infer | Solve | Breakdown | Measure | Produce |
| Count | Match | Use | Combine | Rank | Role Play |
| Draw | Paraphrase | Add | Detect | Rate | Drive |
| Outline | Represent | Calculate | Diagram | Support | Devise |
| Point | Restate | Change | Discriminate | Test | Generate |
| Quote | Rewrite | Classify | Illustrate | | Integrate |
| Recall | Select | Complete | Outline | | Prescribe |
| Recognize | Show | Compute | Point out | | Propose |
| Repeat | Summarize | Discover | Separate | | Reconstruct |
| Reproduce | Tell | Divide | | | Revise |
| | Translate | Examine | | | Rewrite |
| | Associate | Graph | | | Transform |
| | Compute | Interpolate | | | |
| | Convert | Manipulate | | | |
| | Discuss | Modify | | | |
| | Estimate | Operate | | | |
| | Extrapolate | Subtract | | | |
| | Generalize | | | | |
| | Predict | | | | |




## Suggested Activities & Best Practices

- Create personal pnuemonic devices to remember the lines and spaces of the treble and bass clef
- Musical spelling sheets
- Octave designation memorization
- Musical "reading" assignments - reading and identifying the notes on the lines and spaces and the rhythmic units

## Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)

Common Benchmarks: Studets will take common benchmark assessments regardless of experience level.-benchmark assessments

Unit test-summative assessment

Think, pair, share-formative assessment

Written reports-alternate assessment

- Admit Tickets
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- KWL Chart
- Learning Center Activities
- Question Stems
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments

## Primary Resources & Materials

Tonal Harmony - Text book

## Ancillary Resources

Teacher created worksheets

Music Theory websites

## Technology Infusion

Podcasts

You Tube

Ted Talks

Music Theory Websites

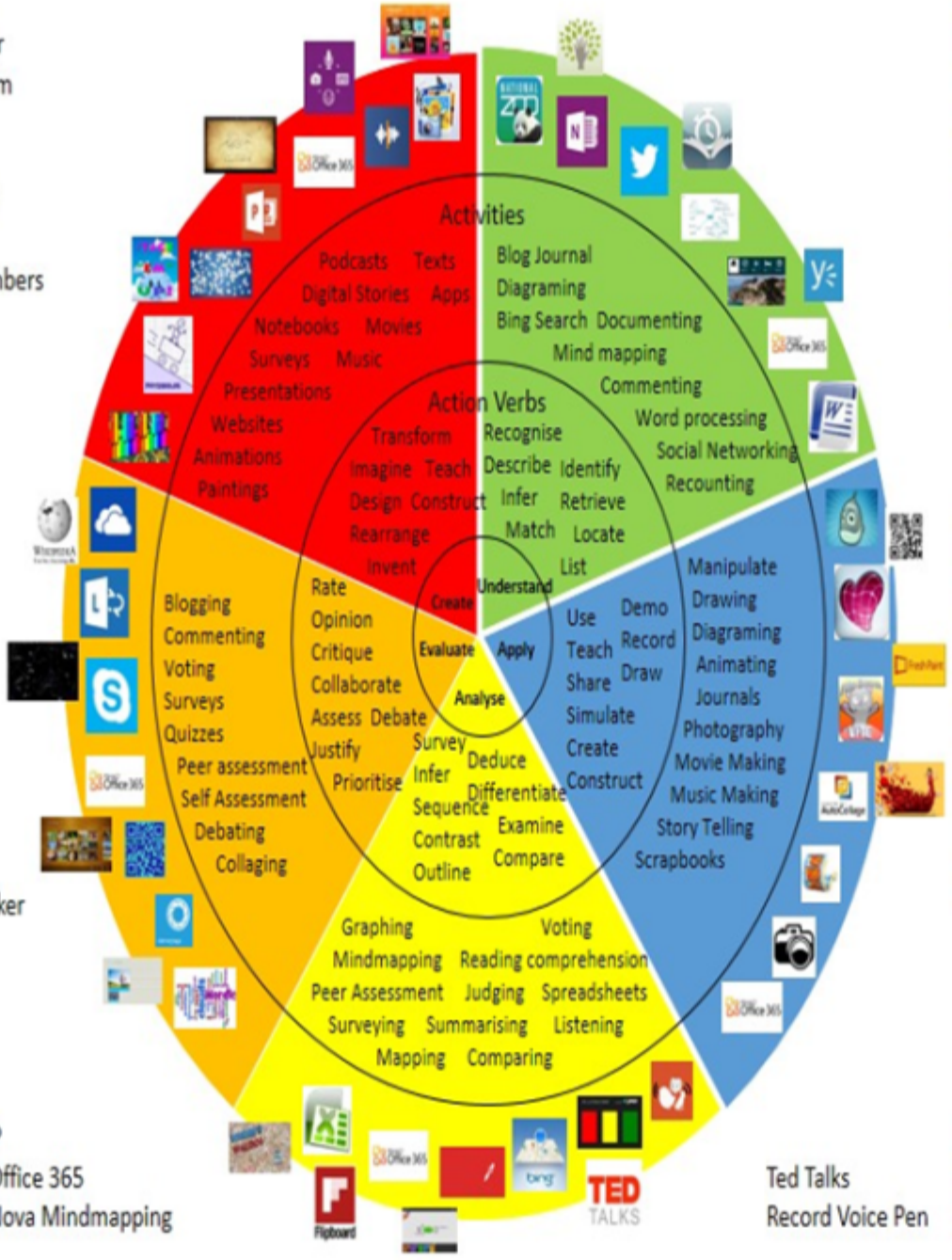
Google Classroom

Web based assessments

# Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts
Photostory 3
Kid Story Builder
Music Maker Jam
Paint A Story
Office 365
MS PowerPoint
Stack 'Em Up
NqSquared Numbers
Physamajig
Xylophone 8

Wikipedia
Skydrive
Lync
SkyMap
Skype
Office 365
Puzzle Touch
Easy QR
Memorylage
Life Moments
Word Cloud Maker




Where's Waldo?
MS Excel Office 365
Flipboard Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks
Record Voice Pen

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## Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

Mastery and infusion of **21st Century Skills & Technology** and their Alignment to the core content areas is essential to student learning. The core content areas include:

- English Language Arts;
- Mathematics;
- Science and Scientific Inquiry (Next Generation);
- Social Studies, including American History, World History, Geography, Government and Civics, and Economics;
- World languages;
- Technology;
- Visual and Performing Arts.

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| CRP.K-12.CRP2.1 | Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive. They make connections between abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP4.1 | Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas, and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal, and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others' time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice, and organization, and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas. They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and with purpose. Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome. |
| CAEP.9.2.12.C.1 | Review career goals and determine steps necessary for attainment. |
| CAEP.9.2.12.C.3 | Identify transferable career skills and design alternate career plans. |
| TECH.8.1.12.A.CS1 | Understand and use technology systems. |
| TECH.8.1.12.A.CS2 | Select and use applications effectively and productively. |
| TECH.8.1.12.D.1 | Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work. |

## 21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes

- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy

- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

## 21st Century Skills

- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Global Awareness

## Differentiation

Small group instruction: Instruction will be broken down into small groups that reflect the students' experience level.

**Differentiations:**

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

**Hi-Prep Differentiations:**

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Group investigations
- Independent research and projects
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

**Lo-Prep Differentiations**

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Varied supplemental materials

## Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)

Additional time for skill mastery: Additional time will be provided for skill mastery for those students that need it before moving on to the next concept.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes

- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## English Language Learning (ELL)

Tutoring by peers: Peer to peer tutoring will be provided by the teacher for the students would benefit from it.

- teaching key aspects of a topic.  Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarif
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student’s learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of workpresented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher’s notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## At Risk

Teaching key aspects of a topic: Students will only be presented with the key aspects of the material in order to avoid confusion.

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of workpresented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)

Advanced problem solving: Students will be asked to complete assignments that are more advanced in the area of note reading and rhythm counting.

- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping
- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## Sample Lesson

Unit Name: Notes

NJSLS:

Interdisciplinary Connection: Reading comprehension skills, mnemonic devices

Statement of Objective:By the end of this lesson the students will be able to:

- Read the notes on the lines and spaces of the treble and bass clef
- Interpret the basic units of rhythm

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: What is a mnemonic device

Learning Activity: The students will discuss the basic units of rhyth (whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes) and their equal rests. The students will then discuss the system of pitch identificaiton. The students will discuss the basic mnemonic devices used to remember the lines and spaces of both the treble and bass clef.

Student Assessment/CFU's:

- Teacher Observation Checklist

Materials: Tonal Harmony (Text book), Teacher generated worksheet

21st Century Themes and Skills: Music, Literacy

Differentiation/Modifications:Students on the accellerated path will complete all of this lesson. Students that require remediation will complete most of this lesson and/or repeat parts of this lesson as necessary.

Integration of Technology: Use of Musictheory.net

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