

# 12 Melody vs. Harmony

Content Area: **Music**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Full Year**  
Length: **On-Going**  
Status: **Published**

## General Overview, Course Description or Course Philosophy

### OBJECTIVES, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS, ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

- Melody and harmony can both serve as equal engines to push a piece of music forward.

### CONTENT AREA STANDARDS

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.1.1.12.B.CS2	Musical proficiency is characterized by the ability to sight-read advanced notation. Musical fluency is also characterized by the ability to classify and replicate the stylistic differences in music of varying traditions.
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.CS2	The ability to read and interpret music impacts musical fluency.
VPA.1.3.12.B.CS3	Understanding of how to manipulate the elements of music is a contributing factor to musical artistry.
VPA.1.4.12.B.2	Evaluate how an artist's technical proficiency may affect the creation or presentation of a work of art, as well as how the context in which a work is performed or shown may impact perceptions of its significance/meaning.

### RELATED STANDARDS (Technology, 21st Century Life & Careers, ELA Companion Standards are Required)

LA.RST.9-10.4	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 9-10 texts and topics.
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.B.CS2

Create original works as a means of personal or group expression.

TECH.8.1.12.C.CS4

Contribute to project teams to produce original works or solve problems.

TECH.8.1.12.D.5

Analyze the capabilities and limitations of current and emerging technology resources and assess their potential to address personal, social, lifelong learning, and career needs.

## **STUDENT LEARNING TARGETS**

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### **Declarative Knowledge**

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Students will understand that:

- Melody or harmony can provide forward momentum in a piece of music.
- The melody line should always be at the forefront of the music.
- Countermelodies, a melody line that is performed at the same time as the melody but has secondary importance, serve as a complex and important role in the music.
- Harmony is used to support the melody both rhythmically and through chordal progressions.
- As a performer you will either have a role as the melody or harmony of a piece of music. As the music progresses, your role may change.

### **Procedural Knowledge**

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Students will be able to:

- Identify and distinguish between pieces that are driven by harmony and those driven by melody.
- Assess their role in the ensemble as melodic or harmonic, and understand that as the piece progresses their role may change.

## **EVIDENCE OF LEARNING**

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### **Alternate Assessments**

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- Individual Performances
- Group Performances
- Teacher/Student Conferences

## **Formative Assessments**

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- Performance Assessment

## **Summative Assessments**

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- Performance Assessments
- Discussion and Analysis
- Verbal Evaluation
- Selected Student Performance
- Written Critiques
- Performance Critiques

## **RESOURCES (Instructional, Supplemental, Intervention Materials)**

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- Score Study
- Listening Examples
- Selected Repertoire

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS**

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### **Career Readiness**

Employ valid and reliable research strategies. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. Use technology to enhance productivity. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.

### **Technology/Multimedia**

Educational tech applications

## Sciences and Health

Experimentations

### **ACCOMMODATIONS & MODIFICATIONS FOR SUBGROUPS**

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See link to Accommodations & Modifications document in course folder.