Music Geography and Cultures

Course Description: The focus this year is on learning about instrument families and individual instruments. They will learn about how each instrument makes music and will listen to music featuring each instrument. Students will also learn about composition, instrumentation, pitch and dynamics in music. Finally, students will learn about types of instruments used around the world.

Week 1
Level 1-4

1. If you didn’t get here through My EP Assignments, I suggest you go there and create an account.
2. Play the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game. We are going to do this piece by piece. Today. You are going to register and start a new game. Read the two pages on Benjamin Britten and then click to turn the page. You can have it read the pages to you. Click on quit (in the corner).
3. Listen to part one of the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra.

Level 5-8

1. If you didn’t get here through My EP Assignments, I suggest you go there and create an account.
2. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to learn about the violin. Click on the instruments bubble. Click on the string instruments link bubble. Click on the violin. Then go back to exploring and click on the bubble with the link to listen to music featuring the instrument. Listen to at least one of the pieces.

Week 2
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Click to turn the page from the Benjamin Britten page. When you get to the Orchestra page, click on quit (in the corner).
2. Listen to part two of the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra.

Level 5-8
1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to learn about the viola. Click on the instruments bubble. Click on the string instruments link bubble. Click on the viola. Then go back to exploring and click on the bubble with the link to listen to music featuring the instrument. Listen to at least one of the pieces.

**Week 3**
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Do the orchestra and woodwinds pages. On the woodwind pages, listen to the different instruments. It shows how low and how high they each play. This is called the instrument's range. Then click on quit.

Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to learn about the cello. Click on the instruments bubble. Click on the string instruments link bubble. Click on the cello. Then go back to exploring and click on the bubble with the link to listen to music featuring the instrument. Listen to at least one of the pieces.

**Week 4**
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Do the turn the page from the woodwinds page. Listen to the brass section and the range of each instrument and then click on quit.

Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to learn about the double bass. Click on the instruments bubble. Click on the string instruments link bubble. Click on the double bass. Then go back to exploring and click on the bubble with the link to listen to music featuring the instrument. Listen to at least one of the pieces.

**Week 5**
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Do the turn the page from the brass page. Listen to the strings section and the range of each instrument and then click on quit.

Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to learn about the harp. Click on the instruments bubble. Click on the string instruments link bubble. Click on the harp. Then go back to exploring and
click on the bubble with the link to listen to music featuring the instrument. Listen to at least one of the pieces.

**Week 6**

**Level 1-4**

1. Play the [Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game](#). Log in. Do the turn the page from the strings page. Listen to the percussion section and the range of each instrument and then click on quit.

**Level 5-8**

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the [discover section](#). Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the woodwind family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument. Choose one you don’t really know about unless there is one you are really interested in.

**Week 7**

**Level 1-4**

1. Play the [Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game](#). Log in. Do the turn the page from the percussion page. Unlock the garage by matching the instruments to their families. Keep going until it opens the book up to the Flute and Piccolo page at Woodwind pond. Then you can click on quit.

**Level 5-8**

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the [discover section](#). Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the woodwind family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.

**Week 8**

**Level 1-4**

1. Play the [Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game](#). Log in. Read the flute and piccolo page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the oboe page opens. Then you can click on quit.

**Level 5-8**

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the [discover section](#). Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the woodwind family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.

**Week 9**

**Level 1-4**

1. Play the [Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game](#). Log in. Read the oboe page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the clarinet page opens. Then you can click on quit.
Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the woodwind family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.

**Week 10**

Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the clarinet page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the bassoon page opens. Then you can click on quit.

Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the woodwind family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.

**Week 11**

Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the bassoon page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the violin page opens. Then you can click on quit.

Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the brass family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.

**Week 12**

Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the violin page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the viola page opens. Then you can click on quit.

Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the brass family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.

**Week 13**

Level 1-4
1. Play the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the viola page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the cello page opens. Then you can click on quit.
Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the brass family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.

Week 14
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the cello page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the bass page opens. Then you can click on quit.
Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to music featuring brass instruments. Choose music to listen to from that section connected to the brass family.

Week 15
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the bass page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the harp page opens. Then you can click on quit.
Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the percussion family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.

Week 16
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the harp page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the French horn page opens. Then you can click on quit.
Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the percussion family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.

Week 17
Level 1-4
1. Play the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the French horn page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the trumpet page opens. Then you can click on quit.
Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the percussion family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.
Week 18
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the trumpet page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the trombone page opens. Then you can click on quit.
Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the percussion family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.
Week 19
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the trombone page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the tuba page opens. Then you can click on quit.
Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the percussion family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.
Week 20
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the tuba page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the percussion 1 page opens. Then you can click on quit.
Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the percussion family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.
Week 21
Level 1-4
1. Play the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the percussion 1 page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the percussion 2 page opens. Then you can click on quit.

Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to choose an instrument from the percussion family. Read about it and listen to music featuring that instrument.

Week 22
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the percussion 2 page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the percussion 3 page opens. Then you can click on quit.

Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to listen to music featuring percussion instruments.

Week 23
Level 1-4

1. Play the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra Game. Log in. Read the percussion 3 page and listen to the variations. Then you can play the game. Continue until the game ends.

Level 5-8

1. You are going to be using the San Francisco Symphony website, the discover section. Today you are going to click on music instead of instruments. Scroll to the very top and click on the most recent piece of music, from 1986, Short Ride in a Fast Machine. Now choose one from 100 years earlier and then another 100 years earlier. What differences can you describe between them?

Week 24
Level 1-4


Level 5-8

1. Listen to part one of the Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra. Listen/watch for instruments you recognize.

Week 25
Level 1-4

1. Play Star Catcher and listen to the rhythm of the music of your choice.
Level 5-8

1. Listen to part two of the *Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra*. Listen/watch for instruments you recognize.

**Week 26**
Level 1-4/5-8

1. Play an **instrument**. Choose an instrument and play. Create music.

**Week 27**
Level 1-4/5-8

1. Choose several **pieces of music** to listen to.

**Week 28**
Level 1-4/5-8

1. Play an **instrument**. Choose an instrument and play. Create music.

**Week 29**
Level 1-4/5-8

1. Conduct the **orchestra**. You can choose to learn first and then follow. See how many points you can earn. (Leading wasn’t working the last we checked.)

**Week 30**
Level 1-4/5-8

1. **Compose** music. Choose music lessons from the top of the list and then pitch. Click on the boxes to move through the lesson and the play button to listen to the notes. At the end of the lesson, move the notes around to make a song and use the play button to listen to it.

**Week 31**
Level 1-4/5-8

1. **Compose** music. Choose music lessons from the top of the list and then instrumentation and move through the lesson and then practice.

**Week 32**
Level 1-4/5-8

1. **Compose** music. Choose music lessons from the top of the list and then dynamics and move through the lesson and then practice.

2. **NOTE!** We’ve had trouble with that lesson. If it’s not working, here’s an **old version** of it. Choose symbols.

**Week 33**
Level 1-4/5-8
1. **Compose** music. Choose music lessons from the top of the list and then more dynamics and move through the lesson and then practice.

2. NOTE! We've been having trouble with that lesson. If it's not working, play in the music lab.

**Week 34**
Level 1-4/5-8

1. **Compose** music. Choose build a staff.

**Week 35**
Level 1-4/5-8

1. Click on a **string instrument**. Click on the little tab with people on it. Read about how that type of instrument is used around the world.

2. Now do it with a woodwind instrument.

**Week 36**
Level 1-4/5-8

1. Click on a **brass instrument**. Click on the little tab with people on it. Read about how that type of instrument is used around the world.

2. Now do it with a percussion instrument.