

Featuring Moscow String Quartet: *Strings*

Study Guide: Music

Objective: To learn about a Scherzo by developing a “silly” or “joking” song/poem.

Standard: Grades 3-5 FL Music Standards: The student listens to, analyzes, and describes music. (MU.D.1.2)

Time: 45 minutes

Materials: pencil, paper, computer and internet, speakers, songs,

Activity:

1. The teacher will introduce the lesson by telling students they will learn about a Scherzo. A scherzo is a part of a larger piece. It is usually a joke or playful piece. Teacher will play the Scherzo, Allegro from Borodin for the students to hear. This movement will be played in the Moscow Quartet concert.
2. Hook up speakers to a computer and click on the link for the piece in the resources section of this lesson plan.
3. Hand students the paper about Scherzos and directions for the assignment.
4. Students will combine into groups of 3-4 to complete the assignment of making up a song that is silly. Some nursery rhymes that are silly are “This Old Man”, “Mulberry Bush”, “Aunt Rhodie”, “Humpty Dumpty”, etc. The teacher can obtain copies of these to hand to students as examples if he/she wishes.
5. Students will share their poem or song with the class.

Assessment: Discussion, presentation of song and written words.

Resources: <http://www.answers.com/topic/scherzo>
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oVL_a1zbdg (Borodin: Scherzo movement from String Quartet No. 2 in D Major)
<http://www.last.fm/music/St.+Petersburg+String+Quartet/A.+Borodin%3A+The+Two+String+Quartets> (click on Scherzo to listen)