

Mastering Musical Maestros: A Class 4 Composer Study

Learning objective: To identify key terminology related to composers and understand the role of musical notation and expression.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of how music is created. Read the front, guess the answer, then flip to check if you are correct!

What is a composer?

A person who writes and creates original musical works.

What is a musical score?

A written document that shows all the parts of a piece of music for different instruments.

How is 'tempo' defined in music?

The speed at which a piece of music is played, often indicated by Italian terms like *allegro* or *adagio*.

What are 'dynamics'?

The volume of the music, ranging from very quiet (*piano*) to very loud (*forte*).

What is a staff?

The set of five horizontal lines and four spaces where musical notes are written.

Define 'melody'.

A sequence of musical notes that are satisfying to listen to and form the main tune.

What is pitch?

How high or low a musical note sounds, determined by the frequency of vibrations.

What is an orchestra?

A large group of musicians who play together using a variety of instruments like strings, woodwind, brass, and percussion.

What is musical notation?

A system of symbols used to represent sounds on paper so musicians can perform a piece accurately.

Define rhythm.

The pattern of long and short sounds and silences in a piece of music.