

Explorations

Grade Level: 4-7

Curricular Area: Visual and Performing Arts

Title of Lesson: Art into Music

Listen to Rautavaara's Symphony No. 6

The opening movement (Starry Night) goes until 19:26 in the following video. Please listen to at least the first 10 minutes, all of it if you are able.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHzYY_nCI_8

This piece of music was inspired by Van Gogh's Starry Night.



On a piece of paper, or a Microsoft Word document please answer the following questions

1. Choose 5 adjectives (describing words) that best represent the painting.
2. How does the composer reflect those 5 words in music?
3. What instruments do you hear?
4. Do you think that the composer was successful in representing this painting through music?

5. Do you like this piece of music? Why or why not? (Be as specific as possible)

Part 2 - Music into Art

Listen to each of the three selections below. After listening to all three pieces of music you will choose one as the inspiration for your project.

Mozart's Requiem – Dies Irae

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePRZC_OuIYc

Chopin – Heroic Polonaise

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_il1J0bALE

Debussy – Arabesque No. 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVYH-7QGE-A>

Once you have selected your piece of music you will create a piece of visual art based on that piece.

Your piece of art can be created using your choice of media, including:

- Paint
- Coloured pencils
- Pastels
- Mosaic paper (using small pieces of paper, layered to create an image)
- Digital
- Other ideas, please check with Mr. Phelps first

Your piece of art must:

- Be at least 8.5" x 11"
- Include at least 3 colours (you may do black and white with Mr. Phelps's permission)
- Represent the music you hear (and you must be able to describe how)

Your piece of art can be:

- Realistic or Abstract
- Be larger than the minimum size

After completing the piece of art, you must answer these questions:

1. Title your piece of art, it cannot be the same title as the piece of music.
2. How did the music you chose inspire the art you created?
3. Why did you choose the colours that you did?
4. Why did you choose the materials you used to create the art?

After completing the piece of art, you must answer these questions:

1. Title your piece of art, it cannot be the same title as the piece of music.
2. How did the music you chose inspire the art you created?
3. Why did you choose the colours that you did?
4. Why did you choose the materials you used to create the art?