

A decorative border made of musical staves with various notes and symbols, including a treble clef at the top left and a bass clef at the bottom right, framing the central text.

8th Grade Orchestra

Lesson: April 7, 2020

Learning Target:

“I can identify and count basic rhythms”

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Warm-Up

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Goal Warm-Up Review

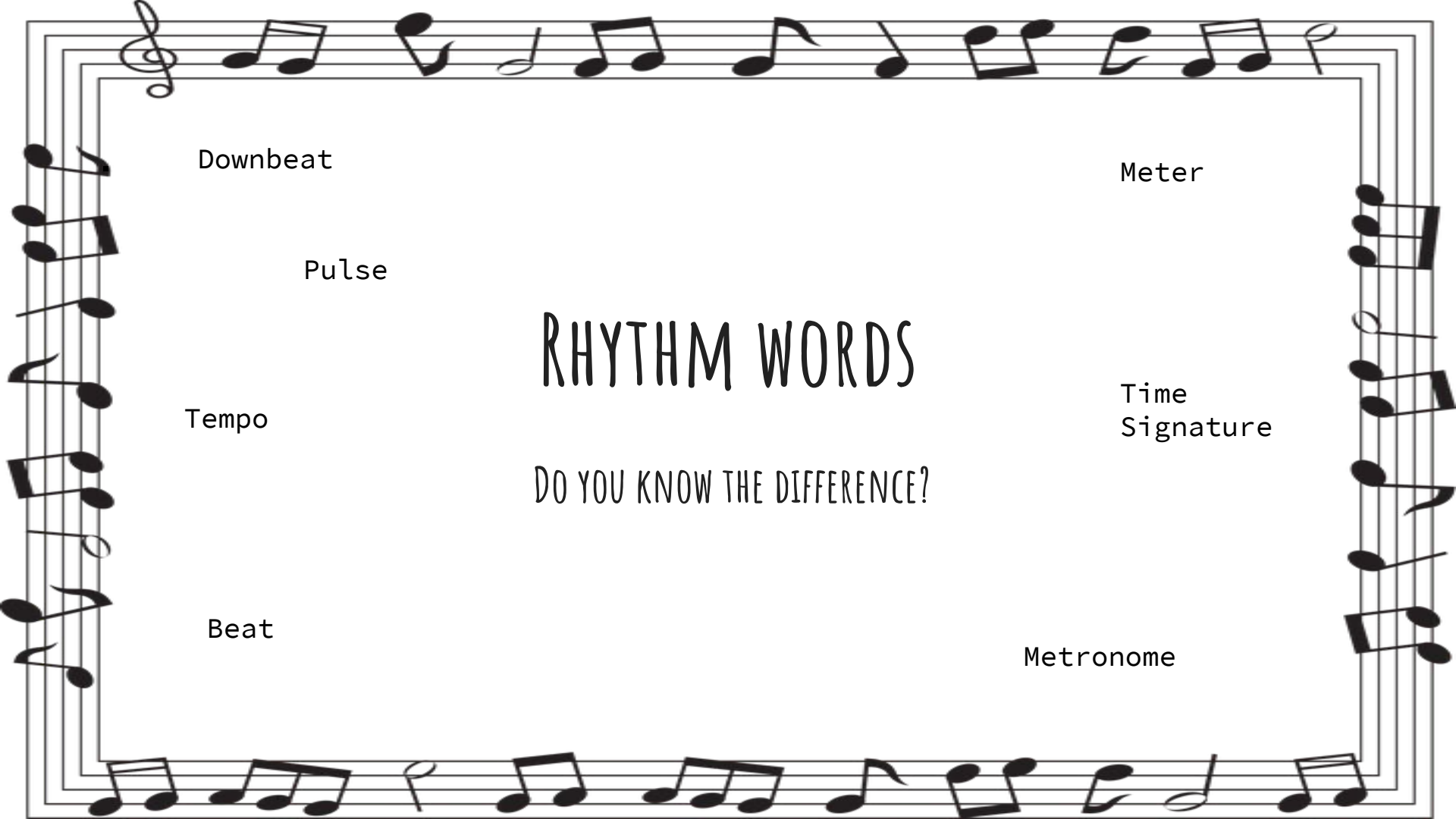
Consider your goal from yesterday. If necessary, change or modify your goal to best meet your needs.

Answer the following writing prompts:

1. My goal is important because.....
2. The benefit of achieving this goal is.....



Lesson



Downbeat

Meter

Pulse

RHYTHM WORDS

Tempo

Time
Signature

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

Beat

Metronome

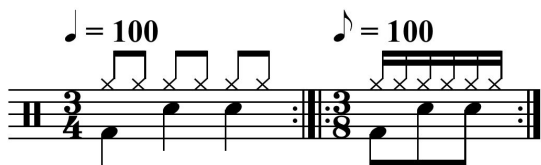
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RHYTHM WORDS

- TIME SIGNATURE (4/4, 2/4, 3/4, 6/8, 9/8, ETC.)
 - HOW MANY BEATS ARE IN A MEASURE, AND
 - WHAT KIND OF NOTE GETS THE BEAT.
- PULSE ("FEELING THE BEAT")
- DOWNBEAT (THE FIRST BEAT OF EVERY MEASURE)
- TEMPO ("HOW FAST")
- METER ("STRONG" AND "WEAK" BEATS)

TIME SIGNATURES

6
4



3+2+3
8



WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

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TIME SIGNATURES

6
4

TOP NUMBER = "HOW MANY" BEATS IN A MEASURE

BOTTOM NUMBER = "WHAT KIND" OF NOTE GETS
THE BEAT

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TIME SIGNATURES

6
4

= 6 BEATS

= QUARTER NOTE GETS THE BEAT

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DID YOU KNOW MUSIC IS LIKE MATH?

TIME FOR SOME WORD PROBLEMS



1. If you are in the time signature $4/4$, what kind of note gets the beat?
2. If you are in the time signature $5/8$, how many 8th notes are in a measure?
3. If you are in the time signature $3/4$, how many 8th notes are in a measure?

ANSWER KEY

1. If you are in the time signature $4/4$, what kind of note gets the beat?
The **QUARTER NOTE** gets the beat. The bottom number 4 means quarter note, an 8 would mean 8th note, 2 would mean half note, etc.
2. If you are in the time signature $5/8$, how many 8th notes are in a measure?
There are **5 eighth notes** in $5/8$. Remember, top notes means how many... bottom note tells us we are counting eighth notes.
3. If you are in the time signature $3/4$, how many 8th notes are in a measure?
SIX!! The quarter note gets the beat.. and there are two eighth notes in every quarter note.. And we have 3 quarter notes in every measure in $3/4$.. I told you it was like math. :)



BEAT VALUE OF EACH NOTE (IN 4/4)

4/4

Whole Note = 4 beats

Half Note = 2 beats

Quarter Note = 1 beat

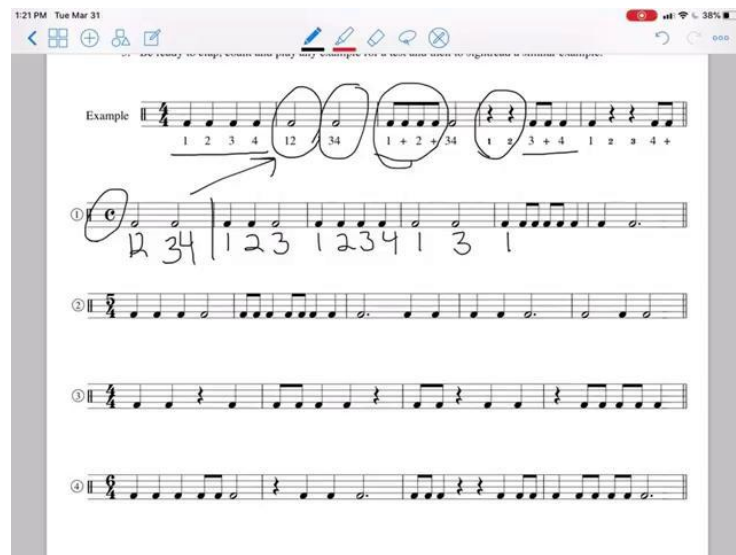
8th notes = half of a beat

16th notes = quarter of a beat



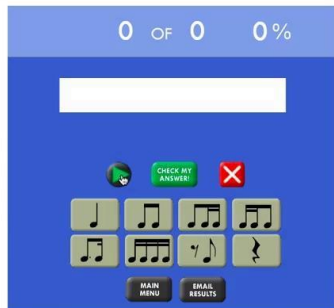
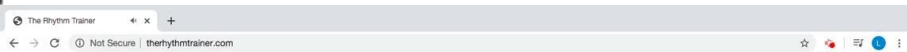
COUNTING AND WRITING RHYTHMS

WATCH THIS VIDEO FOR AN
EXPLANATION OF
COUNTING, WRITING AND
SAYING BASIC RHYTHMS!



PRACTICE WRITING IN THE COUNTS (OR SAYING THE RHYTHM OUT LOUD) ON YOUR OWN!

[HTTP://STRINGSKILLS.COM/WP-CONTENT/RHYWKSHTPDFS/RHYWKSHT1.PDF](http://stringskills.com/wp-content/rhythmshtpdfs/rhythmsht1.pdf)



WATCH THE TUTORIAL



The Rhythm Trainer is a free, Flash-based program for learning and practicing rhythm. There are two types of exercises: A Mode, where you click in the rhythm you hear, or B Mode, where you see a rhythm and choose the sound that matches. At the end of your session, you can email your results to anyone (for example, your teacher) and they can then see how you are doing.

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Review

HOW TO COUNT (AND SAY) EACH TYPE OF RHYTHM

4/4

1 | 1 3 | 1 2 3 4 | 1+ 2+ 3+ 4+ | 1 e + a 2 e + a 3 e + a 4 e + a

The diagram illustrates a 4/4 time signature with a central staff. The staff is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The first measure contains a whole note. The second measure contains two half notes. The third measure contains four quarter notes. The fourth measure contains four eighth notes. The fifth measure contains two groups of eighth notes beamed together, each followed by a quarter rest. The sixth measure contains two groups of eighth notes beamed together, each followed by a quarter rest. The seventh measure contains two groups of eighth notes beamed together, each followed by a quarter rest. The eighth measure contains two groups of eighth notes beamed together, each followed by a quarter rest. Below the staff, the counting and syllable cues are provided for each measure: '1', '1 3', '1 2 3 4', '1+ 2+ 3+ 4+', '1 e + a', '2 e + a', '3 e + a', and '4 e + a'.

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Self-Assessment



FIND SOME SHEET MUSIC FROM YOUR CONCERT MUSIC
OR SOME SHEET MUSIC ONLINE..

CAN YOU ACCURATELY COUNT ("SAY") THE RHYTHM?

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Additional Materials



USE THESE RESOURCES TO BECOME MORE ACCURATE WITH YOUR RHYTHMS!

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