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Brainstorming activity (asynchronous, before the beginning of the 1st teaching period): students collaborate and fill in the mind map with as many ideas as possible having the following questions in mind: How would you define orchestra? Do you know how the orchestra change by musical eras? How many sections does an orchestra has? What about the musical instruments that take part in an orchestra? What is the role of a conductor?

1st teaching period

1st Activity

Time: 5'

Type of activity: visualization of mind map and discussion

Class organization: discussion in class

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> the teacher presents the mind map that the students have competed on the interactive whiteboard. The students explain their ideas and the teacher comments on them.

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CLASS:	Worksheet I Topic: Evolution of the Orchestra	
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2nd Activity

Time: 15'

Type of activity: presentation, discussion and completion of worksheet I

Class organization: whole class

Actions/Tasks: the teacher presents a PPT (Part 1) and then gives them Worksheet I [Topic: Evolution of the Orchestra] and asks students to study a cartoon and to answer to three questions (1. What they notice about the musicians, 2. What they notice about the number and the groups of musical instruments and 3. Why the conductor is needed).

ACTIVITY II
A. Study the cartoon below and answer the following question:
What do you notice about the musicians?
2. What do you notice about the number and the groups of musical instruments:

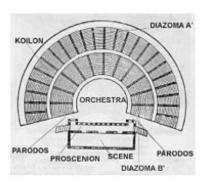
3rd Activity

Time: 15'

Type of activity: whole class

Class organization: discussion in class and completion of worksheet I

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> in the same <u>Worksheet I</u> [Topic: Evolution of the Orchestra] students study a diagram and answer some more questions (1. Have you ever visited an Ancient Greek Theatre? If so, what impressed you most?, 2. Can you think of how the ancient orchestra might have evolved into today's symphony orchestra? 3. Do you know any composers who have written works for orchestra? If so, quote some of them and also titles of their work).



4th Activity

Time: 10'

Type of activity: pair discussion and completion of Worksheet I

Class organization: pair work

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> in the same <u>Worksheet I</u> [Topic: The Evolution of the Orchestra] students work in pairs and try to name the instruments by drawing lines and joining only the instruments that belong to a symphony orchestra with their names.



2nd teaching period

1st Activity

Time: 25'

Type of activity: presentation and completion of worksheet II (listening guide)

Class organization: whole class

Actions/Tasks: the teacher presents a PPT (Part 2) and then gives them

Worksheet II [topic: The Baroque Orchestra] in which students listening to Handel's Hornpipe (from Suite Water Music). There is an H5P (interactive video) with a listening guide and 15 multiple-choice questions needed to be answered by the students. After the listening the whole class discuss the best answer: a, b or c.

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Worksheet II Topic: The Baroque Orchestra
CLASS:
NAME:
ACTIVITY I
"Water music", a collection of 3 Suites, was composed by George refereit standed in 1717 (18th century) after King George Inda requested a concert on the River Thames. The concert was performed by 50 musicians playing on a barge.
Listen to the most famous part ("Hornpipe" which is a lively dance in Triple time (triple metre or metre of 3 beats) of the "Water Music" and answer the following questions (h5p-interactive video) according to the listening guide:
https://content.e-me.edu.gr/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php?action=h5p_embed&id=1134298
LISTENING GUIDE:
Section A

2nd Activity

Time: 10'

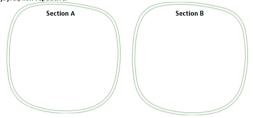
Type of activity: pair discussion and completion of Worksheet II

Class organization: pair work

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> students in pairs characterise each section A or B and put some words or phrases in the right box.

ACTIVITY II

Put the words characterizing each section in the correct box: powerful, loud, strings-woodwinds, strings-brass & woodwinds-drums, energetic, question-and-answer, lively, lyrical, melody with repeated notes, melody with flow (with different notes), rhythmic, homophonic, harmonic, pompous, slow, dark, bright, joyful, non-repetitive.



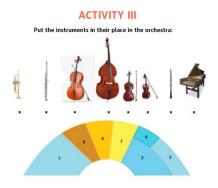
3rd Activity

Time: 10'

Type of activity: completion of Worksheet II

Class organization: whole class

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> students put the instruments of Baroque orchestra in their place in the orchestra by drawing lines to their place.



4th Activity

Time: -

Type of activity: homework

Class organization: -

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> students for homework will have to match some features of the violin family and the lute family with the correct instrument family:



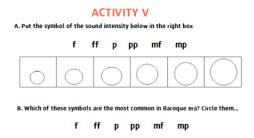
5th Activity

Time: -

Type of activity: homework (A and B)

Class organization: -

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> for homework students need: a) to put the symbol of the sound intensity in the right box from the quietest to the loudest and b) to remember and circle which of these symbols are the most common in Baroque era.



3rd teaching period 1st Activity

Time: 25'

Type of activity: presentation and completion of worksheet III (listening guide)

Class organization: whole class

Actions/Tasks: the teacher presents a PPT (Part 3) and then gives them

Worksheet III [topic: The Classical Orchestra] in which students listening to an extract of Beethoven's 5th Symphony (1st movement). There is an H5P (interactive video) with a listening guide and 15 multiple-choice questions needed to be answered by the students. After the listening the whole class discuss the best answer: a, b or c.

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Topic: The Classical Orchestra
CLASS:
NAME:
ACTIVITY I
The Symphony No. 5 in C minor of Ludwig van Beethoven, Op. 67, between 1804 and 1808 and first performed in Vienna's Theater an der W It is one of the best-known compositions in classical music. As it is unabhorised during the Classical positions of Classical Months.

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movements.

1.Allegro con brio (C minor)
2.Andante con moto (A l- major)
3.Scherzo: Allegro (C minor)
4.Allegro – Presto (C major) y has fou

2nd Activity

Time: 10'

Type of activity: pair discussion and completion of Worksheet III

Class organization: pair work

Actions/Tasks: students in pairs put the instruments of the instrumentation of Beethoven's 5th Symphony in the right box (sting, wind and percussion section).

ACTIVITY II

Instrumentation The symphony is scored for the following orchestra (alphabetically): 2 bassoons, cellos, 2 clarinets, 1 contrabassoon, double basses, 2 flutes, 2 horns, 2 oboes, 1 piccolo, timpani, 3 trombones, 2 trumpets, violas, violins I & II Put the instruments in the right box:

STRINGS		WINDS		PERCUSSIONS	
bowed	plucked	woodwind	brass	membranophones	idiophones

3rd Activity

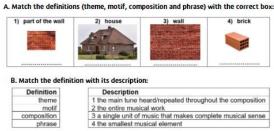
Time: 10'

Type of activity: completion of Worksheet III

Class organization: whole class

Actions/Tasks: students try to: a) match the definitions (theme, motif, composition and phrase) with the correct box and b) match the definition with its description:





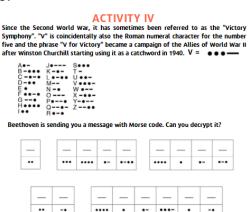
4th Activity

Time: -

Type of activity: homework

Class organization: -

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> students for homework will have to decrypt a message form Beethoven in Mors code:



5th Activity

Time: -

Type of activity: homework

Class organization: -

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> for homework students need to fill in a Musiku (as Sudoku) which is about the dynamics of Beethoven's 5th Symphony:

ACTIVITY V

Fill in the following... musiku which is about the dynamics of Beethoven's 5th Symphony:

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				mf	
		pp			
			f		
					ff

4th teaching period

1st Activity

Time: 10'

Type of activity: presentation and completion of worksheet IV

Class organization: whole class

Actions/Tasks: the teacher presents a PPT (Part 4) and then gives them

<u>Worksheet IV</u> [topic: The Romantic Orchestra] in which students try to: a) identify which of the movements of the L'Arlésienne (Suite No.1 and Suite No.2) reminds them of Baroque Suite dances and b) why they think Bizet used a small orchestra in the play and a large one in the suites and what the advantages and disadvantages of each of the two versions are.

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	Workshee	t IV
	Topic: The Romantic	Orchestra
Georges Bizet cor of the same name on 1 October 187: numbers (some or short solos to lon suites for orchest L'Arlésienne Suite • I. Prélude, All· • II. Minuet, All· • III. Adagletto	nposed L'Arlésienne as incident, y, usually translated as The Girl 2 at the Théâtre du Vaudeville I ily a few bars) for voice, chorus ger entr'actes. L'Arlésienne is m ra. No. 1 (1872, Suite of four move agro deciso	
bears similarities Which of the mo Suite dances?	to the gavotte, jig, and tarantel ovements of both Suite No.1 an	ce popular in Provence, France and la. d Suite No.2 reminds you Baroque
	L'Arlésienne	L'Arlésienne (as orchestral suites No.1 & No.2)
Advantages	(as a play)	(as orcnestral suites No.1 & No.2)
Disadvantages		

2nd Activity

Time: 25'

Type of activity: presentation and completion of worksheet IV (listening guide)

Class organization: whole class

Actions/Tasks: the teacher presents a PPT (Part 4) and then gives them

Worksheet IV [topic: The Romantic Orchestra] in which students listening to Farandole

(4th movement of *L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2*). There is an $\underline{\mathsf{H5P}}$ (interactive video) with a listening guide and 13 multiple-choice questions needed to be answered by the students. After the listening the whole class discuss the best answer: a, b or c.

ACTIVITY II

LISTENING GUIDE:

- 1. Theme I is played by the: a) strings, b) winds. c) full orchestra
- 2. The texture is: a) monophonic, b) homophonic, c) polyphonic
 3. The repetition of Theme I is played by the:
- a) strings, b) winds, c) full orchestra.
- 4. The texture here is: a) monophonic, b) ho
 5. Theme II (1st part) is played by the:

- a) strings, b) winds, c) full orchestra
 6. The dynamics marking here is: a) soft, b) loud
 7. Theme II is: a) slackening (rallentando), b) accelerating (accelerando)
- 8. Theme II is played with:
- a) increasing dynamics (crescendo), b) decreasing dynamics (diminue
 The texture here is monophonic, played loud by the strings:
- a) True, b) False

 10. The texture here is: a) initially homophonic and right after monophonic,
- b) initially monophonic and right after homophonic

 11. We hear both Theme I and Theme II. The texture is:
- a) monophonic, b) homophonic, c) polyphonic.

 12. Theme I is played by the: a) strings and woodwinds, b) brass

 13. Theme II is played by the: a) strings and woodwinds, b) brass
- 3rd Activity

Time: 10'

Type of activity: completion of Worksheet IV

Class organization: whole class

Actions/Tasks: students imagine that there are for their very first time in a lyric theatre and Bizet's opera Carmen is about to begin. They know everything about the plot and all the arias of Carmen. In spite of the fact how excited they are, also they are very nervous because they do not know when the applause is permitted. Read the sentences below and put $\sqrt{ }$ in the correct column:

Bizet, although died young, composed many works, which are still famous. One of them is his opera comique in four acts Carmen. It is the first time in the history of opera where a composer for the leading role casts a girl who is not a noblewoman, but a simple gypsy. In its premiere (3 March 1875, Opéra-Comique, Paris) the opera shocked the Parisian audience and most reviews were critical. Carmen initially gained its reputation through a series of productions outside France but Bizet was dead to see it.



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	pplause please!!!! eally When do we clap?	Silly:	
1.	The musicians are taking their places/seats – (final) tuning.		
2.	Shortly afterwards, the conductor comes on stage.		
3.	As soon as the first notes of the Overture (= Introduction) are heard.		
4.	Once the Overture is finished.		
5.	Your beloved cousin appears on stage singing in the choir.		
6.	In the first act, the Habanera, aria of the heroine Carmen, begins.		
7.	Habanera aria just finished.		
8.	Carmen's aria Seguidilla begins Your favourite one!!!!		
9.	The second act ends and the curtain closes for the intermission.		
10	. The opera ends and all the participants appear on stage for a bow.		

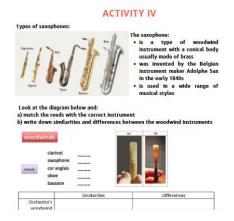
4th Activity

Time: -

Type of activity: homework

Class organization: -

Actions/Tasks: students for homework will have to read about the saxophones and look at a diagram and: a) match the reeds with the correct woodwind instrument, b) write down similarities and differences between the woodwind instruments



5th teaching period

1st Activity

Time: 20'

Type of activity: presentation and completion of worksheet V

Class organization: whole class

Actions/Tasks: the teacher presents a PPT (Part 5) and then gives them

Worksheet V [topic: The Orchestra of the 20th century] in which students in which students listening to the Introduction (Theme) of Benjamin's Britten "The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra", Op. 34, played by each major family of instruments of the orchestra. As students listen, they try to put the numbers 2 to 6 in the boxes according to what section of instruments they hear. There is an H5P (interactive video) with a listening guide.

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Worksheet V	
Topic: The Orchestra of the 20th century	
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AME:	NAME
ACTIVITY I	

"The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra", Op. 34, is a 1945 musical composition by Benjamin Britten with a subtitle "Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Purcell". It was based on the second movement, "Rondeau", of the Abdelazer Suite. It was originally commissioned for the British educational documentary film called "instruments of the Orchestra" released on 29 November 1946. The work is one of the best-known pieces by the composer, and is often associated with two other works in music history: Saint-Saëns' "The Carnival of the Animals" and Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf".

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"Peter and the Wolf".

The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra is scored for symphony orchestra:

- Woodwinds: piccolo, 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets and 2 bassoons
 Brass: 4 horns, 2 trumpets, 3 trombones (2 tenors and 1 bass) and bass tuba
 Percussion: timpani, bass drum, cymbals, tambourine, triangle, snare drum,
 woodblock, xylophone, castanets, tamtam and whip
- · Strings: harp, first and second violin, viola, cello and double bass.

2nd Activity

Time: 15'

Type of activity: listening guide and completion of worksheet V

Class organization: whole class

Actions/Tasks: students listen to Fugue (the last part of Benjamin's Britten "The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra"). There is a H5P (interactive video) with a listening guide of 16 multiple-choice questions needed to be answered by the students. After the listening the whole class discuss the correct answer: a, b or c.

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3rd Activity

Time: 10'

Type of activity: completion of Worksheet V

Class organization: whole class

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> teacher talks about Rondo form and the students write the appropriate letter (A, B, C or D) in: a) boxes (first row) to have a Rondo form, b) match the "ingredients" with the appropriate box to have a sandwich in a Rondo form... (second row).



4th Activity

Time: -

Type of activity: homework

Class organization: -

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> students by using their imagination, draw their own Rondo form in boxes.

ACTIVITY IV Using your imagination, draw your own Rondo form in the boxes below:

5th Activity

Time: -

Type of activity: homework

Class organization: -

<u>Actions/Tasks:</u> students listen to Purcell's *Abdelazer* with interactive questions by using <u>H5P</u> (interactive video) choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

ACTIVITY V
Listen to Henry Purcel's "Abdelazer" and underline which Theme (of the three) is heard every time. Write in the boxes below the Themes according to what you have

- heard:
 1. a) Theme A, b) Theme B, c) Theme C [The main Theme of the Rondo form]
- 2. Repetition of: a) Theme A, b) Theme B, c) Theme C
- 3. a) Theme A, b) Theme B, c) Theme C
- 4. a) Theme A, b) Theme B, c) Theme C
- 5. a) Theme A. b) Theme B. c) Theme C 6. a) Theme A, b) Theme B, c) Theme C
- 7. Repetition of: a) Theme A, b) Theme B, c) Theme C

6th Activity

Time: -

Type of activity: homework

Class organization: -

Actions/Tasks: students study two pictures and note any similarities or differences between the Baroque orchestra (the first one of our journey) and the orchestra in the 20th century.

ACTIVITY VI

Baroque orchestra (the first one of our journey) and the orchestra in the 20th century: Study the two pictures and note any similarities or differences between the



	Baroque orchestra	Orchestra of the 20th century
Similarities		
Differences		

Project: Plan a visit to Megaron, the Athens Concert Hall to listen to the famous Athens State Orchestra which plays every Friday evening in 20:30. The following website will help you for your ticket purchases.

https://www.megaron.gr/en/ticket-information/

Homework: all students after each teaching period answer a question on padlet.

Content assessment:

Students check content knowledge by doing an online <u>quiz</u>.

Language practice:

Students learn musical terms through OnMusicDictionary.and practise vocaculary through activities and games:

https://www.classicsforkids.com/games.html

https://activities.insidetheorchestra.org/bingo/

https://activities.insidetheorchestra.org/strings/

https://insidetheorchestra.org/musical-games/#brass

Scenario evaluation

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSeRVnmj8VLqD4TBt2gT37WTC2CaJTMWyc0y4FxrwRVUC2O4g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Expansion:

Students could expand their knowledge about orchestra, composers and music in general, try to compose their own compositions, watch videos and play games in the sites below:

https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments

https://musicplayonline.com/student-login/

https://allstarorchestra.org/education/

https://www.khanacademy.org/partner-content/all-star-orchestra/instruments-of-the-orchestra/woodwinds/v/piccolo-interview-and-demonstration-with-nadine-asin?modal=1

https://dictionary.onmusic.org/

https://www.vocabulary.com/

https://www.dolmetsch.com/musictheorydefs.htm