



Task

You are going to listen to the music of Rocky and think about the ways music can be used to portray a key theme or idea within a movie.

You will learn to play a part of the theme on a classroom instrument, using appropriate fingering and technique.

Key skills

Listening and responding to music.

Teamwork – discussing musical features in pairs & as a class

Performance skills and appropriate technique

The movie Rocky is about a struggling, unknown boxer named Rocky Balboa who gets a chance to fight the heavyweight champion, Apollo Creed. Through hard work and determination, Rocky proves that he's more than just an underdog, showing that with grit and heart, anyone can fight for their dreams.

The main theme of the Rocky movie is about overcoming obstacles and never giving up, no matter how tough life gets. It's about believing in yourself, working hard, and fighting for your dreams, even when the odds are against you. The movie shows how determination, courage, and perseverance can lead to success, both inside and outside the boxing ring.

- Watch the movie montage featuring this iconic music
- Watch an orchestra play the theme

In pairs, discuss and write down how the composer, Bill Conti use the music to portray Rocky's journey from being a nobody to becoming a champion; about overcoming challenges & winning?

- Watch a clip of the composer talking about creating the Rocky theme

Theme from Rocky – Gonna Fly Now

Melody

Harmonic series

Measures 1-4 of the Harmonic series. Measure 1 starts with a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a red '1' above the first note (E4). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Measure 4 ends with a double bar line.

Rocky tune

Measures 5-8 of the Rocky tune. Measure 5 starts with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. Chords Dm, Em, and Dm are indicated above measures 5, 6, and 7 respectively. Red fingerings 1, 2, 3, 4, and 1 are shown below the notes. Measure 8 ends with a double bar line.

Measures 9-10 of the Rocky tune. Measure 9 starts with a treble clef. Chords Em, Dm, and Em are indicated above measures 9, 10, and 11 respectively. A red '7' is shown below the notes in measure 10. Measure 11 ends with a double bar line.

Measures 12-13 of the Rocky tune. Measure 12 starts with a treble clef. Chords F and E are indicated above measures 12 and 13 respectively. Red fingerings 5, 2 over, and 2 are shown below the notes. Measure 14 ends with a double bar line.

Measures 15-18 of the Rocky tune. Measure 15 starts with a treble clef. Chords Dm, Em, Dm, and Em are indicated above measures 15, 16, 17, and 18 respectively. Measure 19 ends with a double bar line.

Measures 19-20 of the Rocky tune. Measure 19 starts with a treble clef. Chords Dm, Em, and F are indicated above measures 19, 20, and 21 respectively. Measure 21 ends with a double bar line.

Measures 22-23 of the Rocky tune. Measure 22 starts with a treble clef. Chords E and E are indicated above measures 22 and 23 respectively. Chord Am is indicated above measure 24. Red fingerings 1, 2, and 3 are shown below the notes. Measure 24 ends with a double bar line.

Melody with harmony

Harmonic series

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Rocky tune

5 Rocky tune

Dm Em

8 Dm Em Dm Em

11 F E

14 Dm Em Dm Em

19 Dm Em F

21 E Am

Jump fingers

Piano

A musical score for the song 'The Rose Tree'. It features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, starting with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F31, G31, A31, B31, C32, D32, E32, F32, G32, A32, B32, C33, D33, E33, F33, G33, A33, B33, C34, D34, E34, F34, G34, A34, B34, C35, D35, E35, F35, G35, A35, B35, C36, D36, E36, F36, G36, A36, B36, C37, D37, E37, F37, G37, A37, B37, C38, D38, E38, F38, G38, A38, B38, C39, D39, E39, F39, G39, A39, B39, C40, D40, E40, F40, G40, A40, B40, C41, D41, E41, F41, G41, A41, B41, C42, D42, E42, F42, G42, A42, B42, C43, D43, E43, F43, G43, A43, B43, C44, D44, E44, F44, G44, A44, B44, C45, D45, E45, F45, G45, A45, B45, C46, D46, E46, F46, G46, A46, B46, C47, D47, E47, F47, G47, A47, B47, C48, D48, E48, F48, G48, A48, B48, C49, D49, E49, F49, G49, A49, B49, C50, D50, E50, F50, G50, A50, B50, C51, D51, E51, F51, G51, A51, B51, C52, D52, E52, F52, G52, A52, B52, C53, D53, E53, F53, G53, A53, B53, C54, D54, E54, F54, G54, A54, B54, C55, D55, E55, F55, G55, A55, B55, C56, D56, E56, F56, G56, A56, B56, C57, D57, E57, F57, G57, A57, B57, C58, D58, E58, F58, G58, A58, B58, C59, D59, E59, F59, G59, A59, B59, 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C138, D138, E138, F138, G138, A138, B138, C139, D139, E139, F139, G139, A139, B139, C1

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Dm Em Dm

This section contains measures 4 through 7. Measure 4 begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth notes G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, followed by a quarter note G4. The bass line has a whole rest. Measures 5 through 7 are in common time (C) and feature a steady eighth-note accompaniment in both hands. Chord symbols Dm, Em, and Dm are placed above measures 5, 6, and 7 respectively.

8 Em Dm Em F E⁷



12 E Dm Em Dm

The first system of the musical score for 'The Christmas Song' in E major. It consists of four measures. The first measure is a whole rest for the treble clef and a whole note E in the bass clef. The subsequent three measures each contain a descending eighth-note melody in the treble clef and a steady eighth-note bass line in the bass clef. The chords indicated above the measures are E, Dm, Em, and Dm.

19 E⁷ E



Bb part



Musical score for the Bb part, consisting of five staves of music in 4/4 time. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The score includes measures 1 through 17, with measure numbers 4, 9, 13, and 17 indicated at the start of their respective staves. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, and rests.

Eb part



Musical score for the Eb part, consisting of five staves of music in 4/4 time. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The score includes measures 1 through 17, with measure numbers 4, 9, 13, and 17 indicated at the start of their respective staves. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, and rests.

Flute / Violin part



Flute / Violin part musical score, measures 1 to 17. The score is written in treble clef, 4/4 time. It features a melodic line with various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Measure numbers 4, 9, 13, and 17 are indicated at the start of their respective staves.

Bass part



Bass part musical score, measures 1 to 17. The score is written in bass clef, 4/4 time. It features a melodic line with various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Measure numbers 3, 8, 13, and 17 are indicated at the start of their respective staves.

Ukulele

The first system of musical notation for Ukulele. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass staff contains a bass line with various chords and fingerings indicated by numbers 0, 2, 3, and 1.

The second system of musical notation for Ukulele. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass staff contains a bass line with various chords and fingerings indicated by numbers 0, 2, 3, and 1. Chord diagrams for Dm and Em are shown above the treble staff.

The third system of musical notation for Ukulele. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass staff contains a bass line with various chords and fingerings indicated by numbers 0, 2, 3, and 1. Chord diagrams for F and E are shown above the treble staff.

The fourth system of musical notation for Ukulele. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass staff contains a bass line with various chords and fingerings indicated by numbers 0, 2, 3, and 1. Chord diagrams for Dm, Em, F, and E are shown above the treble staff.

The fifth system of musical notation for Ukulele. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass staff contains a bass line with various chords and fingerings indicated by numbers 0, 2, 3, and 1. Chord diagrams for E and Am are shown above the treble staff.