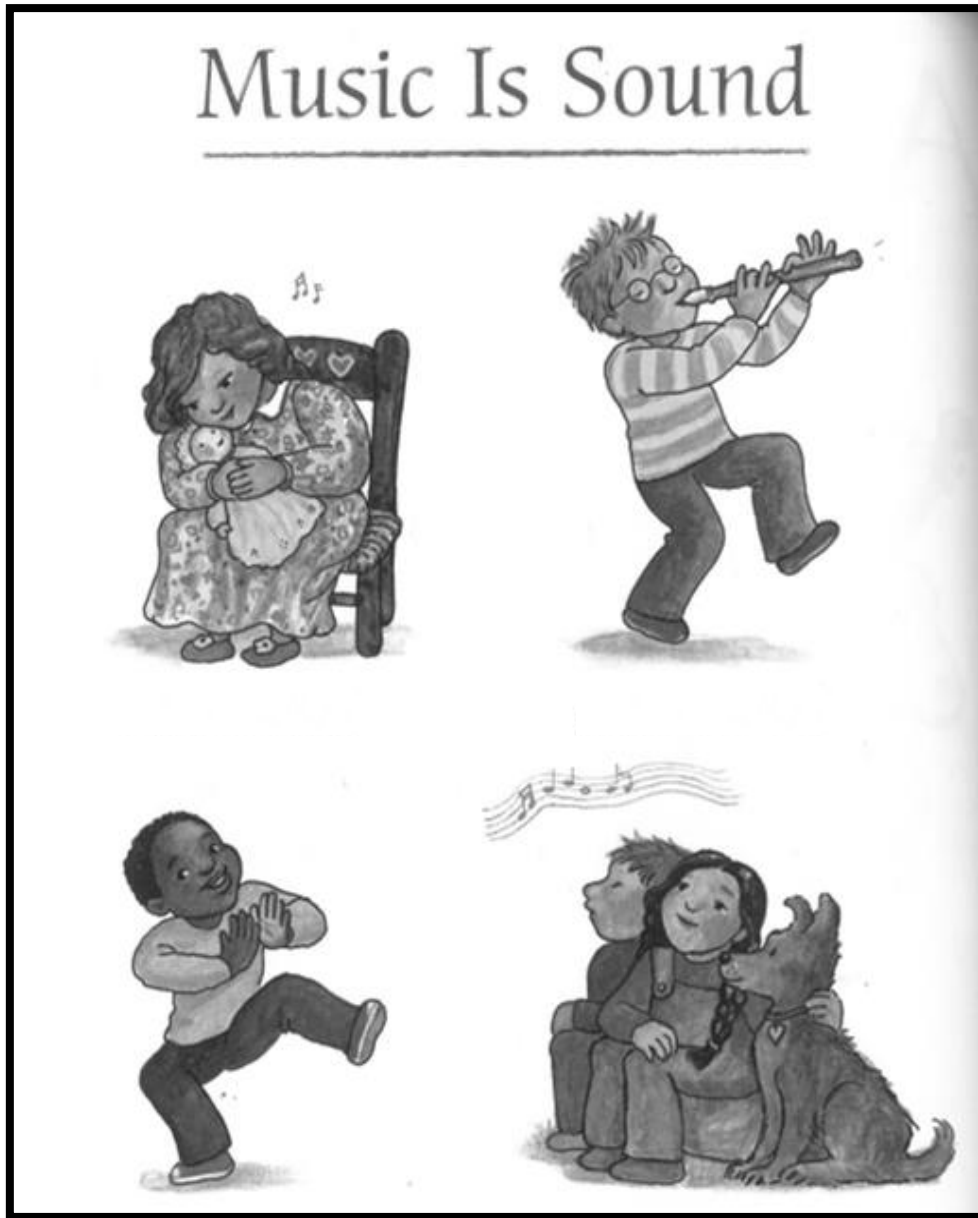


Instrument Research



Name: _____ Student Number: _____

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Instruments – History

Read the following about instruments. After you finish, answer the questions below.



History of Instruments

Musical instruments are very old. We don't know exactly how old, but some instruments we found are from 67,000 years ago in Slovenia. They were simple flutes made from bone or wood. Other early music comes from drums and rattles. These instruments quickly spread around the world. People enjoyed the sounds and were happy to make music from them.

Since they first appeared, instruments have changed in many ways to make different sounds. Each country even has their own traditional way of making them. There are instruments that we hit, ones with strings, some that use our breath, and many more. Even though there are so many types, each one makes a sound that people like to hear.

Today, even your computer is an instrument. There are applications and programs that you can use to make your own songs. They can be used to make the musical sounds that come from instruments and some that can sing for you. Some instruments have even changed to have an electric version to make new sounds, like the guitar. As long as people love music, instruments will keep changing in new ways.

Comprehension Question

1. When and where was the first instrument found? _____

2. What are the different ways we use instruments? _____

3. What in one way instruments have changed? _____

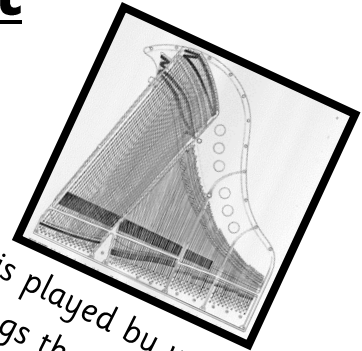
Instruments – Research Poster



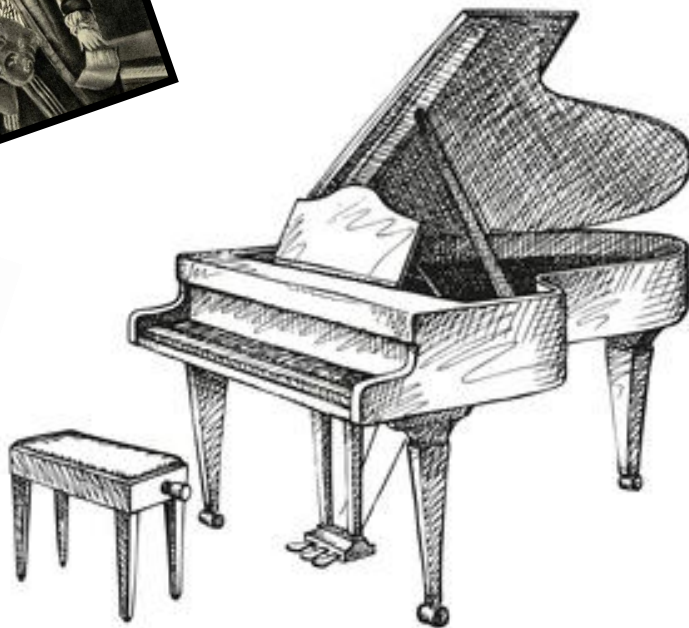
With so many different instruments in the world, it can be hard to know about them all. To learn about a few of them you will make a poster about one instrument. On the poster, you will need to include some important information about your instrument. Look at the example below.

The Piano's Past

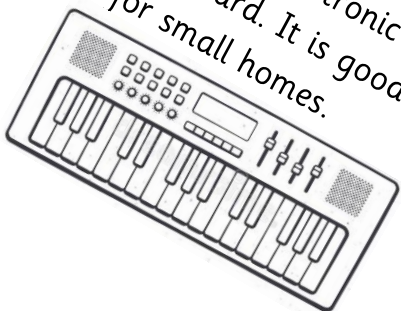
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by Bartolomeo
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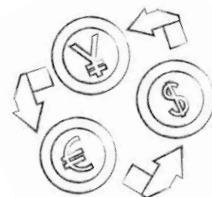
It is played by using
strings that are hit by
a keyboard.



One change of pianos
was the electronic
keyboard. It is good
for small homes.



The most expensive
piano sold for
373,391,200 yen!



Instruments – Research Instructions



To create your poster, you will need to research this information below. Look in books or on the internet to find the information.

Poster Instructions

1. What instrument do you want to learn about? _____

2. Who made it? _____

3. When was it made? _____

4. Where was it made? _____

5. What type of instrument is it? (String, woodwind, brass, percussion, etc.)

6. What is one way the instrument has changed? _____

7. What is one interesting fact about your instrument? _____



When we finish the posters, you will present them to the class. Make sure you memorize your facts and are able to share them well with the class.