MOZART, THE COMPOSER Teaching notes

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UNIT	MOZART, THE COMPOSER		
LESSON	1. Introduction		
SESSION	1. The Turkish March	Timing	90 minutes

Start the lesson telling the students that they are going to listen to a composition. Don't tell them too much about what the unit is about, since surprise factor and their feed back is one of the aims of the lesson.

ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES
Activity 1	
Start power point presentation by showing the first slide. Play "The Turkish	Slide 1
March".	"The Turkish March"
Start showing power point slides 2 to 7. Read the questions and let them	Slide 2 to 7
think what the questions are about.	
Hand out "Explore a composition" worksheet and tell them to tick the multi	Worksheet 1
answer boxes from the exploring column. Once they've finished, tell them	
to change their worksheet with a partner.	
Go back to the power point slide 8 and tell them to check the answers by	Slide 8
reading the text given.	
Tell them now briefly what the unit is about and what are they going to	
learn.	
Activity 2	
Composers review.	Ws 2
Work in fours, threes or couples, the "Multiple match Memory card game".	
Adapt the material taking into account different levels in the classroom.	
Colour the cards and ask them to find the different facts from each	
composer.	
Let them play for 10 minutes and see which members of each group have	
been able to match as many cards as possible.	
Activity 3	
Show power point slide 3 and play "The Turkish March" again (Only the	Slide 9
first part).	"The Turkish March"
While they are listening to the composition, follow the rhythm on the slide	

ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES
Activity 3 (Cont)	
Ask them why you repeated some "colours" and start working the rhythm	
from each block.	
Work in 7 groups and hand out the rhythm figures for each group (Build a	Ws 3
rhythm game). Print them in red, blue and green coloured paper. Ask them	
to build the rhythm.	
Once they've finished, ask them to stick the rhythm in a DIN A4 card.	Glue, DIN A4 cards
Play the first part of "The Turkish March" and ask one of the group	
members to stick their card on the blackboard as the different themes	
appear in the composition.	
Show PP slide 10 to check if they built the structure properly.	Slide 10
Finish the activity by asking them how musicians would call the structure.	
Show the answer AABABAC and talk briefly about the Rondo.	Slide 11
Activity 4	
Finish the Lesson by remembering what they've learnt about "The Turkish	Slide 12
March".	

WORKSHEET SOLUTIONS

WS 1 Explore a composition

Do you know this composition? Free answer

What's the name? Turkish March

Who? Mozart

When? 1783

Where? Austria

Why? To imitate Turkish music bands

WS 2 Memory card game

Beethoven, 1770, Germany, 9th Symphony

Txaikovsky, 1840, Russia, The Nutcracker

Mozart, 1756, Austria, Turkish March

Vivaldi, 1678, Italy, The four seasons

WS 3 Build a rhythm game

First part of "The Turkish March" music structure: AABABAC

See power point slide 9

UNIT	MOZART, THE COMPOSER		
LESSON	2. Mozart's early years I		
SESSION	1. Minuet F K2 I	Timing	90 minutes

Start the lesson showing PPt slide 1. Play "The Turkish March" and talk briefly about what they remember from it.

remember from it.			
RESOURCES			
Ws 4 and a dice			
Slide 2			
Slide 3-13			
Slides 14-18			
Slide 19			
Ws 5			
Slides 20 and 21			

ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES
Activity 4	
Hand out "The harpsichord and the piano" Ws.	Ws 6
Tell them to look at the word bank then fill in the gaps.	
Work individually and tell them to check the partner's answers.	
Activity 5	
Finish the lesson by consolidating understanding of the features of the two	Ws 7
instruments.	
Work in fours or fives and classify the features given by cutting and putting	
them into the Venn diagram.	
Tell the learners to explain how they classified the features given and	
concentrate on the features that the two instruments share.	
Once it's been corrected, ask them to glue the features into the diagram.	

WORKSHEET SOLUTIONS

WS 4 Build The Turkish March music structure dice game

Did you know this composition? Yes, I did / No, I didn't

What's the name of the composition? The name is The Turkish March

Who composed it? Mozart

When was it composed? It was composed in 1783

Where was it composed? It was composed in Austria

Why was it composed? To imitate Turkish music bands

WS 5 How much do you know?

Free answers

WS 6 The harpsichord and the piano

See PPt slide 20 and 21

WS 7 The harpsichord and the piano

Left side:

It's an ancestor of the piano

The keys are plucked by quills

It's impossible to make changes in dynamics

Intersection area:

It's a keyboard instrument

Right side:

The keys are struck by hammers

It's a successor of the harpsichord

It can make changes in dynamics

UNIT	MOZART, THE COMPOSER		
LESSON	2. Mozart's early years II		
SESSION	2. Minuet F K2 II	Timing	90 minutes

Start the lesson showing PPt slide 1. Play Minuet F K2 and ask the students if they remember the composition.

ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES
Activity 5	
Tell the pupils to write the Minuet F K2 theme and let them practise it by	Ws 10
writing the key notes on the paper harpsichord.	
Work also with the instruments in the classroom (glockenspiel, xylophone,	Glockenspiel,
metallophone).	xylophone,
Finish the lesson by encouraging them to practise the theme of Minuet F	metallophones
K2 at home as they'll have to play it next lesson.	

WORKSHEET SOLUTIONS

WS 8 Find the missing part of your word

keyboard

piano

quills

impossible

harpsichord

hammers

make

WS 9 Fill in the gaps orally

The keys are struck by (hammers)

It's an ancestor of the (piano)

It's a successor of the (harpsichord)

Can (make) changes in dynamics

The keys are plucked by (quills)

It's a (keyboard) instrument

It's (impossible) to make changes in dynamics

UNIT	MOZART, THE COMPOSER		
LESSON	2. Mozart's early years III		
SESSION	3. Variations from "Ah vous dirai" I	Timing	90 minutes

Start the lesson by asking the pupils what they did in the last lesson. Remind them they were told to practise the music theme from Minuet F K2

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ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES		
Activity 1			
Show PPt slide 1. Encourage the students to play the music theme from	Slides1 and 2		
Minuet F K2.	Glockenspiels,		
Show PPt slide 2 and ask the pupils what they remember from the Minuet	xylophones and		
F K2 score.	metallophones		
Tell them that they have to play the melody while listening to it. Work in			
groups and try to work altogether if possible.			
Activity 2			
Show PPt slide 3 and ask them what they remember about the True or	Slides 3 to 9		
False game. Play it again.			
Activity 3			
Show PPt slide 10 and play Variation number 1 from "Ah vou dirai". Talk	Slide 10		
briefly about it, as they probably know it.			
Play Variations number 2, 3 and 4 and ask them whether they are the	Slides 11 to 16		
same, different or similar.			
Show PPt slide 17 and ask them to find words to describe the four	Slide 17 and Ws 11		
variations. Hand out "Describing compositions" Ws.			
Activity 4			
Show "Adjective cards" and mime them with four daily actions (Typing on	Ws 12		
a computer, playing a sport, having a shower and eating).			
Listen to four variations and ask them to describe each composition using			
the words given in "Describing Variations "Ah vou dirai"".	Ws 13		
Once they've finished tell them to cut out a star and glue it on a card.			

ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES
Activity 5	
Show PPt slide 18 and guide them to prepare a speaking activity. Hand	Slide 18
out "What is the mood of your variation?" cards and tell them to ask their	Ws 13
partners about the variation they've got. Note that each card has a number	
missing. Give each pupil the one with their missing number, so they can	Ws 14
complete the information.	
Report the information by writing it on "Comparing Variations from "Ah vou	Ws 15
dirai"".	
Activity 6	
Show PPt slide 19 and talk briefly about the score. Sing the melody from	Slide 19
the theme.	
Hand out "Variation number 1 "Ah vou dirai" and tell them to write the	Ws 16
theme.	
Finish the lesson by asking them to name the keys on their paper	
glockenspiel and encourage them to practise it as they'll have to play it	
next lesson.	

WORKSHEET SOLUTIONS

WS 11 Describing compositions

Free answers

WS 13 Describing Variations "Ah vou dirai"

Number 1: soft and slow

Number 2: agitated and resolute

Number 3: fast and impetuous

Number 4: restless and lively

WS 14 What's the mood of your variation?

See answers from WS 13 Describing Variations "Ah vou dirai"

WS 15 Comparing Variations from "Ah vou dirai"

- 1-2 Variation number one is soft and slow, but variation number two is agitated and resolute.
- 1-3 Variation number one is *soft* and *slow*, but variation number three is *fast* and *impetuous*.
- 1-4 Variation number one is soft and slow, but variation number four is restless and lively.
- 2-3 Variation number two is *agitated* and *resolute*, but variation number three is *fast* and *impetuous*.
- 2-4 Variation number two is *agitated* and *resolute*, but variation number four is *restless* and *lively*.
- 3-4 Variation number three is fast and impetuous, but variation number four is restless and lively.

UNIT	MOZART, THE COMPOSER		
LESSON	2. Mozart's early years IV		
SESSION	4. Variations from "Ah vou dirai" II	Timing	90 minutes

Start the lesson by asking the pupils what they did in the last lesson. Remind them they were told to practise the music theme from Variation Number 1 "Ah vous dirai"

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ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES	
Activity 1		
Show PPt slide 1 and play Variation number 1 from "Ah vous dirai". Ask	Slide 1	
the students what they remember from the composition.		
Show PPt slide 2 and review musical language from the composition.	Slide 2	
Work briefly on it.		
Activity 2		
	Slide 3	
Show PPt slide 3, and encourage the pupils to play the theme from	Glockenspiel,	
Variation number 1 "Ah vous dirai". Assess the students by observing	xylophone,	
them.	metallophones	
Activity 3		
Show PPt slide 4 and encourage the students to create their own	Slides 4 and 5	
variation. Show PPt slide 5 and tell them they are going to do it by playing	Computers	
a game on the web. Explain briefly how the game works. Pupils have to	www.classicsforkids.com/games	
use the rhythms provided and drag them to the stave.		
Once they've finished tell them to e-mail it to a classmate.		
Activity 4		
Show PPt slides 6 to 9 and work on the questions asked.	Slides 6 to 9	
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ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES
Activity 5	'
Hand out "Describing a composition" Ws. Tell them to write their class	Ws 17
mate's composition by following the key questions in the diagram.	
Work in pairs and finish the lesson by asking the students to give	
feedback to their classmate's composition.	
Ask some of them to tell the class about some compositions.	
Use this activity as assessment.	
WORKSHEET SOLUTIONS	
WS 17	
Free answers	

UNIT	MOZART, THE COMPOSER		
LESSON	3. Mozart's late years		
SESSION	1. Symphony number 40 in Gm	Timing	90 minutes

Start the lesson by telling the students they are going to work on Mozart's late years. Ask them what they think they've been working on so far (Mozart's early years).

RESOURCES
Slide 1
Slides 2 to 5
Slides 6 to 8
Slide 9
DIN A3 paper
Slide 10
Slide 11
Slide 12
Slide 13
Ws 18
Slide 14

ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES
Activity 5	
Show PPt slides 15 and 16 and tell them they are going to be a music	Slides 15 an 16
critic. Hand out "Be a music critic" Ws. Work in threes. A and B listen to C,	Ws 19
then write their comments about C's performance. Then B and C listen to	Glockenspiel,
A, then write their comments about A's performance. Finally C and A listen	xylophone,
to B, then write their comments about B's performance.	metallophones
Activity 6	
	Slide 17
Show PPt slide 17 and encourage the pupils to play one of the two	Glockenspiel,
compositions for the class.	xylophone,
	metallophones
WORKSHEET SOLUTIONS	
WS 18	
Free answers	
WS 19	
Free answers	

UNIT	MOZART, THE COMPOSER		
LESSON	3. Mozart's late years		
SESSION	2. Symphony number 40 in Gm. The orchestra I	Timing	90 minutes

Start the lesson by asking the students what they know about the orchestra. Show PPt slide 1 and let them speak briefly about it.

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ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES
Activity 1	
Hand out "Orchestra facts" Ws. Students work in threes. Tell them to	Ws 20
brainstorm what they know about the orchestra.	
Show PPt slide 2 and complete the concept map with their answers. If	Slide 2
needed ask questions to complete the concept map.	
Activity 2	
Show PPt slide 3 and play Symphony number 40 in Gm K550.	Slide 3
Ask the pupils why they think it was played by an orchestra.	Slide 4
Their answers should be: "Because there were a lot of instruments	
playing", "Because we could hear different sections in the composition".	
Activity 3	
Hand out "Discovering the orchestra" Ws. Tell the students to colour the	Ws 21
instruments, to draw a line around each group, and to write the names of	
the groups beside the instruments.	
Activity 4	
Play the "Instruments cards game". Work in fives. The object of the game is to	Ws 22
avoid ending with the "noisy card" at the end of the game.	
One person shuffles and deals all the cards equally between players. Players look	
at their cards and if they have a set of two matching cards, they place them face	
up on the table. The dealer then offers his/her remaining cards face down to the	
player on his/her right, who takes one. If that player is then able to make a pair,	
these cards are placed with any others already on the table. If he/she can't make a	
pair, play moves on to the next player. Play continues in this way until all pairs	
have been found. Whoever is left with the "noisy card" is the loser. Places note that instruments eards need to be printed twice except for the "noisy".	
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one.	

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Activity 5		
Work on the sections of the orchestra by handing out "Exploring the sections of an orchestra" Ws. Work in fours and do a jig-saw activity by handing out the corresponding text to each student. Work in advance on the questions they have to answer to make sure they understand what they're asked to answer (Section, "Which instruments belong to this section?", "How do the instruments make their sound?", "What are they made of?").	Ws 23	
Activity 6		
Cut out the "Orchestra puzzle" and put each piece of the puzzle in an envelope. Work in fours and hand out the puzzle to each group. Tell the students to do the puzzle according to the sections and the positions of the instruments in the orchestra. Once they've finished and it's been checked, tell them to stick the puzzle on a piece of card. Hand out "Orchestra puzzle" labels and tell them to play a "Think link" game. Work in fours and tell them to connect two of the words on the worksheet to make sentences, e.g. <i>The tuba and the trumpet are brass instruments</i> . Write on the whiteboard a substitution table as support.	Ws 24 DIN A4 card Glue	
Activity 7		
Tell the pupils to cut out the labels and put them in their places on the "Orchestra puzzle". Once corrected, tell them to glue them. Finish the lesson by playing "Imagine you play a" game. Questions such as "Imagine you play a trumpet, what can you see in front of you?" will be useful to work on the positions of the orchestra. Use the following words for language support: "on the left", "on the right", "in front of", "behind", "next to". Ask the following question to concept check "behind": " what can you see if you turn round?"	Ws 24 Glue	
WORKSHEET SOLUTIONS		
WS 21 Discovering the orchestra		
Check from different resources if needed.		
WS 23 Instrument card game		
Read the cards on Ws 23.		
WS 24 Orchestra puzzle		

UNIT	MOZART, THE COMPOSER		
LESSON	3. Mozart's late years		
SESSION	Symphony number 40 in Gm. The orchestra II	Timing	90 minutes

INTRODUCTION:		
Start the lesson by listening to Symphony number 40 in Gm K550. Show PPt slide 1.		
ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES	
Activity 1		
Show PPt slide 2. Ask the students whether they know who played it. Talk	Slide 2	
briefly about what they remember about the orchestra.		
Activity 2		
Play the "Instruments card game". Note that the explanation about how to	Ws 22	
play the game is on Activity 4 from last teaching notes.		
Activity 3		
Work on the following words to prepare the next activity: "pitch", "peg",	Ws 25	
"mouthpiece", "reed", "valve", "stretch" and "bar". Write the words on the	Velcro	
board. Cut out the cards from "Exploring eight instruments from the		
orchestra" game and hand them out. Work in fives and tell the pupils to		
find the words on the board and underline them on the cards.		
Hand out the labels of the instruments and tell the pupils to cut them out		
and match them with the description on the cards.		
Tell them to match the pictures of the players with the cards. There are		
two cards which are blank, tell them to leave them at the moment.		
Use Velcro on the bottom and at the back of the cards, soy they can		
change them if incorrect.		
Once the activity has been corrected, tell them to draw the pictures for the		
blank cards.		
Activity 4		
Use the cards from Activity 3 to work on a "loop game". Take the labels off	Ws 25	
and prepare the cards to develop the activity. Work in sevens, and start		
the game. To make it more difficult, take the pictures off, so they have to		
pay more attention to the description given.		

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Activity 5			
Hand out "Identify	land out "Identifying instruments" Ws. Work in pairs and tell them to cut		
out the pictures of	out the pictures of the instruments and put them in the correct place on the		
"yes/no maze". On	ce corrected, tell them to	glue the pictures.	
Activity 6			
Hand out "Who do	you agree with?" Ws. A	ssess the students by making	Ws 27
them circle the nar	mes of the kids on the wor	rksheet they agree with.	
While correcting it	t, ask the students why the	hey think some of the kids on	
the worksheet are	wrong.		
Activity 7			
Encourage the stu	dents to think about an in	strument they like. Tell them to	Ws 28
find out some info	rmation and write it down	on the "Explore an instrument"	
Ws. Tell them not	to choose one of the inst	truments worked in the lesson.	
Tell the pupils to d	raw or stick a picture of th	ne instrument chosen and label	
it by using words f	rom the unit.		
Make them think about the name of the instrument by telling them to write			
it in Catalan, Spanish and English. Ask them whether they are the same,			
similar or different			
Activity 8			
Finish the lesson	by showing PPt slide 3	and 4. Talk about where and	Slides 3 and 4
when they think M	ozart died.		
WORKSHEET SO	LUTIONS		
WS 25 Exploring	eight instruments from	the orchestra	
Violin	Cello	Flute	Clarinet
Trumpet	Tuba	Harp	Glockenspiel
WS 26 Identifying	instruments		
Harp	rp Clarinet Flute		Violin
Cello	Trumpet	Tuba	Glockenspiel
WS 27 Who do yo	ou agree with?		
Kids right: Ethan, I	_aia and Joan		
Kids wrong: Sheila	, Tom and Mark		
WS 28 Explore ar	n instrument		
Free answers			

UNIT	MOZART, THE COMPOSER		
LESSON	4. Mozart's essential facts and Classicism		
SESSION	Mozart's essential facts	Timing	90 minutes

Start the lesson by telling the students they are going to work on Mozart's essential life facts. Show PPt slide 1.

ACTIVITIES				
ACTIVITIES	RESOURCES			
Activity 1				
Show PPt slide 2 and ask the pupils about what they remember about	Slide 2			
Mozart's life. Let them speak briefly and hand out "Mozart's life" Ws. Work	Ws 29			
in threes and tell the students to brainstorm all that they remember from				
the unit about Mozart's life.				
Once they've finished, show PPt slide 3 and ask them what they wrote. If	Slide 3			
needed, complete the concept map by asking questions that make the				
students remember the facts, e.g. Which city in Austria was Mozart born?				
Activity 2				
Work in threes. Tell the students they are going to work on a text about	Ws 30			
Mozart. Divide the class in three groups and hand out "Mozart's biography				
trio dictation" Ws. Each group has parts of the text about Mozart. To				
complete it, they fill in their missing sentences by listening to the members				
of the group who have the other ones. Please note that C text can be used				
for the slower learners.				
Once they've finished, hand out "Mozart's essential facts" and tell the	Ws 31			
pupils to draw three images from the essential facts about Mozart in their				
text.				
Cut out the images and stick them on the board in no special order.				
Activity 3				
Read the text from "Mozart's biography trio dictation" Ws and tell the	Ws 30			
students to order the images on the board according to the information				
from the text.				
Activity 4				
Focus on the fact that Mozart started touring for performance when he				
was only six years old. Ask them whether they can guess how many cities				
he visited.				
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Free answers.

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Activity 4 (Cont)			
Show PPt slide 4 and ask them to answer the question to see who was	Slide 4		
right.			
Hand out "Mozart's European tours" Ws and tell them to draw lines	Ws 32		
between the cities he visited for performances.			
Tell the students to work in pairs to describe some of Mozart's tour by	Slide 5		
supporting them with the word bank on PPt slide 5.			
Activity 5			
Tell the pupils to imagine they are a pop star or a very famous musician.	Ws 33		
Hand out "Plan your own tour around Europe" Ws and tell them to draw	Map of Europe		
lines to connect the countries or cities they would visit.			
Use a map of Europe so they can check different countries and cities on it.			
Finish the lesson by telling the students to work in threes to describe their	Slide 6		
own tour. Support them with the word bank from PPt slide 6.			
WORKSHEET SOLUTIONS			
WS 29 Mozart's life			
Facts shown on Ws 34.			
WS 30 Mozart's biography trio dictation			
Check "Mozart's biography trio dictation" teacher's text.			
WS 31 Mozart's essential facts			
Check "Mozart's biography trio dictation" teacher's text.			
WS 32 Mozart's European tours			
Check cities from PPt slide 4.			
WS 32 Plan your own tour around Europe			

UNIT	MOZART, THE COMPOSER		
LESSON	4. Mozart's essential facts and Classicism		
SESSION	2. Mozart and Classicism	Timing	90 minutes

Start the lesson by showing PPt slide 1. Ask the students what they remember about Mozart's life.

life.				
RESOURCES				
Ws 34				
Slide 2				
Slides 3 and 4				
Ws 35				
Slide 5				
Slide 6				
Haydn music				
Early Beethoven				
music				
Ws 36				
Bar and percussion				
instruments				

Activity 5

Finish the lesson by handing out "Unit self assessment". Encourage the students to assess themselves and to give their opinion about the unit. Show PPt slide 7 and let them check out two web sites in case they want to learn more about Mozart and other composers.

Ws 37 Slide 7

www.classicsforkids.com www.dsokids.com

WORKSHEET SOLUTIONS

WS 34 Mozart's essential life facts timeline

Check PPt slide 2.

WS 35 What do you know about Classicism?

Free answers.

WS 36 Creating a classic composition

Free answers.

WS 37 Unit self assessment

Free answers.