



Can I use dynamics, pitch and tempo to create mythical creature composition?

1. How does Stravinsky represent the Firebird?



- Igor Stravinsky was a Russian composer and conductor who was one of the most important composers of the 20th century.
- The Firebird Suite was written as a ballet in 1910.



Musical element	How it represents the firebird
Tempo	Fast (presto) representing the bird flying around quickly.
Dynamics	Loud (forte) to represent the fire.
Duration	Quick quaver rhythms to represent the bird wings flapping quickly.
Pitch	High and low notes to represent the bird flying up and down quickly.

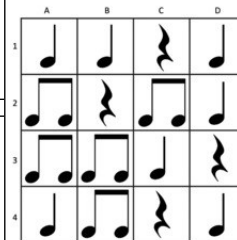
Key Vocabulary	Definition
Tempo	How fast or slow a piece of music is.
Largo	A slow tempo.
Andante	A tempo at walking pace.
Allegro	A quick tempo.
Presto	A very quick tempo.
Dynamics	How loud or quiet a piece of music is.
Forte	A loud dynamic
Piano	A quiet dynamic.
Crescendo	A gradual increase in dynamics.
Diminuendo	A gradual decrease in dynamics.
Graphic Score	A graphic score uses images, shapes and pictures instead of notes.

2 & 3 What will your mythical creature sound like?

- Create a story for your creature.
- Think about timbre. What instruments 'sound' like your creature? Wooden or metal?
- How will you play your instruments? What rhythms and melody will represent it? Will it move quickly or slowly, up or down? Does it fly or walk or both? How will you show this with music?
- How will you structure your piece? How will it start? How will it end? How will you represent the different parts of your story in music? Will you have an Ostinato? How will you layer the different instruments? Will everyone play together all the time?

4 & 5 What will your mythical creature sound like?

- Which parts of your composition are forte? Which are piano?
- Where will you use crescendo and diminuendo?



Applying Past Knowledge

This learning links with the lessons you had in year 3 when you represented an Anglo Saxon monster and 4 in year 4 when you represented a disaster and a battle.

