

MUSICAL NOTATION JACK-O-LANTERNS

GRADE

6-8

FOCUS

Arts
Integration

CONTENT AREAS

ART + MUSIC

STANDARDS

VA:Cr1.1.6a

Combine concepts collaboratively to generate innovative ideas for creating art.

MU:Pr4.2.6b

When analyzing selected music, read and identify by name or function standard symbols for rhythm, pitch, articulation, and dynamics.

ASSESSMENT

RATING SCALE:

3: Accurately identified and used musical symbols, light source and drop shadow in their completed work.

2: Partially identified and used musical symbols, light source and drop shadow in their completed work.

1: Did not identify and used musical symbols, light source and drop shadow in their completed work.

MATERIALS

- Pumpkins for observation
- Paper
- Pencils/Erasers
- Chalk Pastels, Oil Pastels, or Paint
- Copies of scary sheet music

TEACHER NOTES

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ENGAGEMENT

Start by distributing a piece of "scary" sheet music like In the Hall of the Mountain King or Thriller. Have students do a scavenger hunt for musical symbols such as rests, notes, clefs, accidentals and flags.

TRANSITION

Review the musical symbols students found. What are they and what is their function?

Then, review value in visual art. Identify that value is the lightness or darkness of an object or color. Highlight the important components of value, including:

Light source: The lightest part of the object is closest to the light source. The light source may be seen in the work or imagined.

Drop shadow: Creates the illusion that the object is resting on a surface. It often replicates the shape of the object drawn and is opposite the light source.

ACTIVITY

1. Explain that students will be using their knowledge of musical symbols to transform a Jack-o-Lantern face.
2. Using pumpkins for observation, students will draw a pumpkin, lightly with a pencil, using their observational drawing skills.
3. Create a Jack-O-Lantern face out of musical symbols selected from a portion of the piece of music used in the scavenger hunt.
4. Create a 3 dimensional effect with the symbols for more of a realistic look
5. Use chalk, oil pastels, or paint to create a gradation between the light and dark areas of the pumpkin's surface.
6. Present the jack-o-lantern faces in section order from the piece of music. Highlight each face while playing the section of music.