

Musical Instrument Worksheet

Task 1: Create a fact sheet of a musical instrument.

(Each student will be assigned a musical instrument according to the order on the list.)

FACT SHEET ABOUT....(name of instrument).....

The fact sheet should include the following:

Name:

Surname(s):

Class:

Picture of the musical instrument:

Origin and evolution of the instrument

Basic characteristics: Shape, material, family, how it is played

Best known players (at least 3)

Links to internet with sound clips that display the sound nicely (at least 3)

Interesting facts about the instrument (at least 3)

Task 2: Convert the information from Task 1 into question answer form!

Fact Sheet about the Violin (Example)

Name: Dylan

Surname(s): Rinehart

Class: 3 A

Origen and Evolution:

All european bowed instruments are believed to have evolved from the Arabic rebab. The violin in its present form originated from Northern Italy during the early 16th Century. In the 18th Century, the length and angle of the neck was changed.



Basic characteristics:

The violin is string instrument and member of the violin family. The violin consists of a hollow wooden body, with a long neck stretching four strings. In addition, a bow made of tensioned horse hairs accompanies the instrument. When playing, the musician rests the body of the instrument on his shoulder and holds the neck with their non-dominant hand. Using their other hand, they may slide the bow across the strings.

Best Known Players:

Niccolo Paganini (1782-1840)----Italian
Itzhak Perlman (1945-present)----Israeli
Sarah Chang (1980-present)-----American

Internet Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2xT7dlyX8Y>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEBX_ouEw1I

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jXXWBt5URwv>

Interesting Facts:

In the past, the strings on the violin were made from sheep stomach.

Some people refer to the violins as “fiddles”.

The main body of the violin is composed of 70 parts.

The Ashmolean Museum in the United Kingdom owns a violin with an estimated value of \$20

million.

Violinists are proven to have greater hand control than average people.

Part 2: Question and Answer:

From what country was the modern violin invented?

----Italy

When was the modern violin created?

----Early 16th Century

What family does the violin belong to?

----The violin family

What type of hair is used in making violin bows?

----Horse Hair

How many strings does a violin have?

-----4 strings

What physical changes were made to the violin during the 18th Century?

----They changed the angle and the length of the neck.

What is another name for "violin"?

----Fiddle

What is the estimated value of the violin in the Asholean Museum?

-----\$20,000,000

Which country is Sarah Chang from?

----The United States of America

