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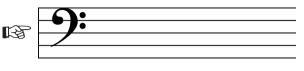
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FINAL REVIEW

LESSON ONE

NAME: _____

Music is written on a **STAFF**. The Staff has five lines.



1 YOUR TURN: Draw five lines between the guides to make a musical staff:

d .

This is a **BASS CLEF**.

Music for <u>low pitched</u> instruments is written in the bass clef.

2 Learn to draw the BASS CLEF.





Start at the 2nd line to trace the loop, then draw 3 of your own.

Now add two dots in the top two spaces on each of these.

Use both steps to draw the Bass Clef. Practice on three of your own.

Name three instruments that use the BASS CLEF:



QUARTER NOTES

have a $\underline{NOTE\ HEAD}$ (the dot) and a \underline{STEM} (the line).

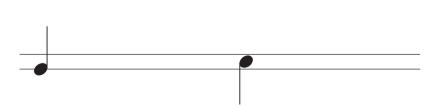
Sometimes quarter notes have a stem that attaches to the RIGHT SIDE of the note head and goes UP. Color in these note heads and draw a stem that goes UP:



To keep the stems from getting in the way of other music on a page, we sometimes attach it to the LEFT SIDE of the note head and draw it DOWN. Finish these quarter notes:

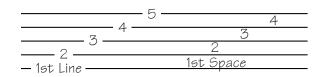


6 Some note heads intersect a LINE of the staff and some are in the SPACES <u>between</u> the lines. Draw two quarter notes ON the lines and two in the space BETWEEN the lines:

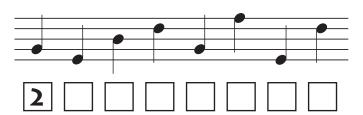


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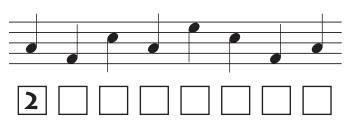
The lines and spaces on the staff are numbered from the bottom UP:



In the empty boxes, put the number of the LINE that each quarter note is on.



Now write the number of the SPACE that each quarter note is in. See how fast you can count up!



③ QUARTER NOTES below the 3rd line have stems that go UP. Trace the treble clef and quarter notes, then draw five of your own quarter notes in the lines and spaces BELOW the 3rd line.

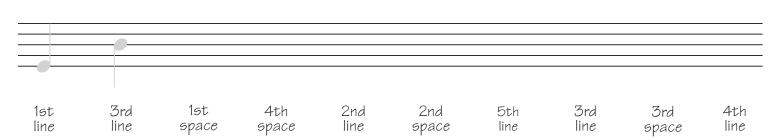
Keep your notes BELOW this line



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4 The stem of a note <u>on or above</u> the 3rd line goes DOWN. Begin by drawing your own bass clef. Next, trace these quarter notes, then draw **four** of your own ON OR ABOVE the 3rd line.

- 6 On the notes you have drawn, write the number of the line or space in the blanks provided.
- 6 Draw a quarter note in the proper LINE or SPACE. Remember to use the correct STEM direction on each note!



LESSON THREE

NAME:	

BAR LINES separate the notes into MEASURES.

A **MEASURE** is the space between two BAR LINES.





A DOUBLE BAR LINE tells you when you get to the end of a sona.



The "fraction" at the beginning of each piece of music is called a TIME SIGNATURE.



The TOP NUMBER tells you *how many beats are in a measure* (there are FOUR beats in a measure).

The BOTTOM NUMBER tells you which kind of note gets one beat (the QUARTER NOTE gets one beat).

Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.

There are _____ beats in a measure

The ____ gets one beat





There are two _____

The quarter note gets _____







How many beats are in a measure of $\frac{4}{4}$ time? ____ What kind of note gets one beat in $\frac{5}{4}$ time? ____

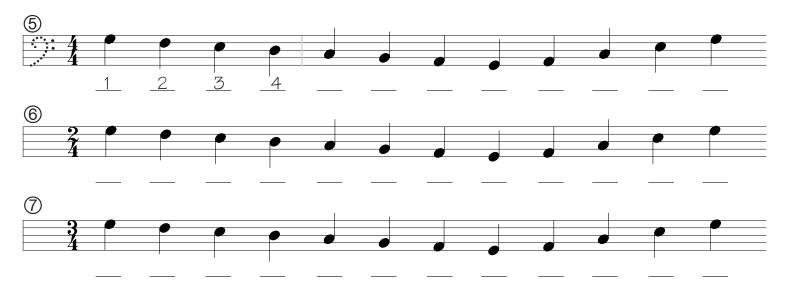
The **TOP NUMBER** in the time signature tells us how to separate the notes into MEASURES.



Each quarter note receives ONE COUNT in quarter time.

Since there are FOUR beats to a measure, you would count to FOUR, then draw a bar line.

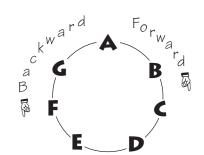
On each line below, draw a bass clef and **circle** the top number in the time signature. Draw in the BAR LINES to separate the notes into measures, then write the counts under the notes. Don't forget to add the double bar at the end of the line!



LESSON FOUR

NAME: _____

The **MUSICAL ALPHABET** uses the first seven letters of the English alphabet: $\bf A$ through $\bf G$. The letters of this alphabet work like a clock: once you get to the letter G, start over with $\bf A$. You must be able to spell the alphabet forward (clockwise) <u>and</u> backward (counterclockwise).



FORWARDS:

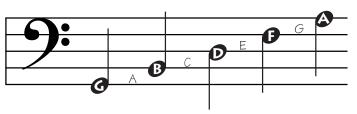
- ① A ___ __ __ __ ___
- ② C ___ __ __ __

BACKWARDS:

- ③ A <u>G</u> ___ __ __ __
- 4 F ___ __ __ __ __

The 1st LINE on the bass staff is the note $\bf G$. If you start with $\bf G$ and SKIP a letter each time, you will learn the names of the LINES of the bass staff:

G A **B** C **D** E **F** G **A**



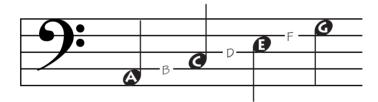
Notes that are on the **LINES** of the bass staff spell:

"Good Boys Do Fine Always" Write the name of each note in the blank provided.



Likewise, if you start with the note \mathbf{A} (the first SPACE on the treble staff) and SKIP a letter each time, you will learn the names of the SPACES:





Notes that are in the **SPACES** of the bass staff spell:

"All Cows Eat Grass"



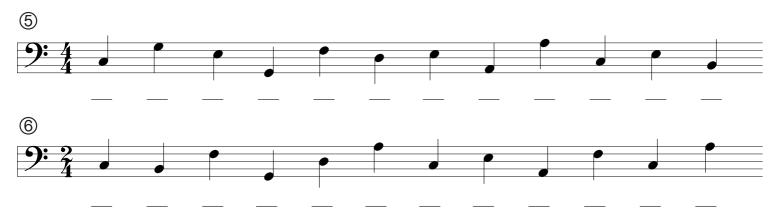
LESSON FIVE

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This will be our first SPEED TEST to see how **fast** you can spell the note names AND draw in the bar lines! Lines #1 & #2 use the SPACES of the bass staff, while #3 & #4 use the LINES. Time yourself to see who's the fastest in the class!



The next two lines are a little more difficult because notes in the SPACES are mixed with notes on the LINES. Don't forget to draw in the bar lines according to the time signature!



This time, I'll provide the note names and YOU draw in the quarter notes. Don't forget to use the proper STEM DIRECTION on each note! Take your time – NEATNESS counts when writing music!

