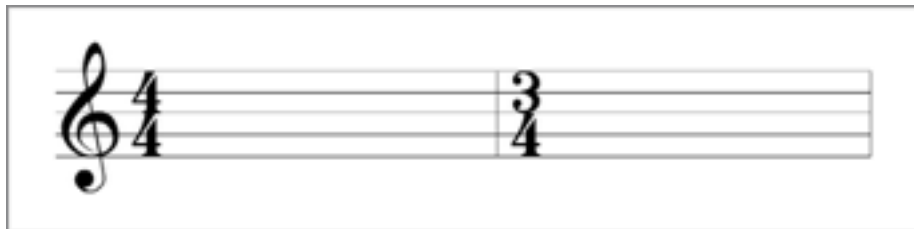


Measures and Time Signatures



Vertical black bars called bar lines divide the staff into **measures**. This staff has been split into two measures. **Time signatures** define the amount and type of note that each measure contains. The first measure is in 4/4 time and the second measure is in 3/4 time. 4/4 time means



that four quarter notes are the length of one measure, and then a new measure must begin. Similarly, 3/4 time indicates that the length of one measure is *three* quarter notes. Next, we will



discuss non-quarter note time signatures, such as 6/8 time and 3/2 time. 6/8 time contains six eighth notes, and 3/2 time contains three half notes. The following chart displays all the time signatures we've discussed.

