

# 5 Step Music Activities

## MUSICAL STORYTELLING

Music can enhance storytelling, and can tell us characters are thinking and feeling. This activity helps students understand how music can create mood and atmosphere.

01

**Pupils** to choose a story. This can be one they have been reading or a fairy tale such as Little Red Riding Hood, Gingerbread Man, Cinderella



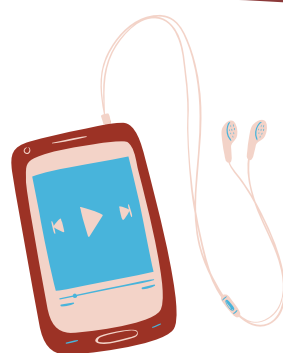
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**Choose** a scene from the story. Use adjectives to describe the mood of the scene. Is it happy? Sad? Scary? Romantic?

03

**Play** a selection of music that creates a mood\*. Using musical keywords, what creates the mood? e.g. Loud, soft, long/short notes, high/low pitch



\*examples could be Peer Gynt, Verdi's Requiem (Dies Irae), Swan Lake, Hedwig's Theme from Harry Potter, Theme from Jaws, Opening to 2001: A Space Odyssey

04

**In groups**, pupils will **create** a soundtrack to the excerpt. Depending on resources this could be with any combination of instruments, voices, or through use of loops on software like Garageband



05



**Performances** of the soundtracks should occur with members of the group acting out the scene while the remainder performs the music for the scene. Pupils should demonstrate how to create or enhance the mood using simple rhythmic and/or melodic lines.