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A listening lesson for Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" using:

- ✓ steady beat warmups
- ✓ identifying beat/no beat
- ✓ movement games
- ✓ rhythm instruments/body percussion
- ✓ identifying same/different parts
- ✓ group work

Students practice keeping the beat with body percussion

WARM-UP

Listen to the theme from Beethoven's 9th Symphony, "Ode to Joy".

If the music has a steady beat, show it through body percussion.

You can choose from one of the examples below.



QUESTIONS

1. What other things have a steady beat?
2. What things inside of school have a steady beat?
3. What things outside of school have a steady beat?
4. How many different ways can you keep a steady beat?

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Have a class discussion about objects that keep a steady beat.
Have students imitate those objects, such as a clock ticking.

Students identify beat/no beat and practice being a conductor



This lesson was so awesome. It covers so many different parts of the Teachers rubric for evaluation which is awesome! I did it for the first time yesterday and the fluidity of the lesson was perfect. Thank you so much!

– Musically Simple



Encourage students to take turns being the conductor and pointing to the steady beat with a fun wand or baton.

Rhythm instruments provide new and interesting ways to keep a steady beat



Have students sit in a circle and pass their instruments to the left when you hold up the “GO” sign. This will give them a chance to experience playing on several different instruments.

Students split into groups to play the same and different parts in the music



My littles loved this activity, especially since a lot of their siblings have played the melody on recorders recently :)

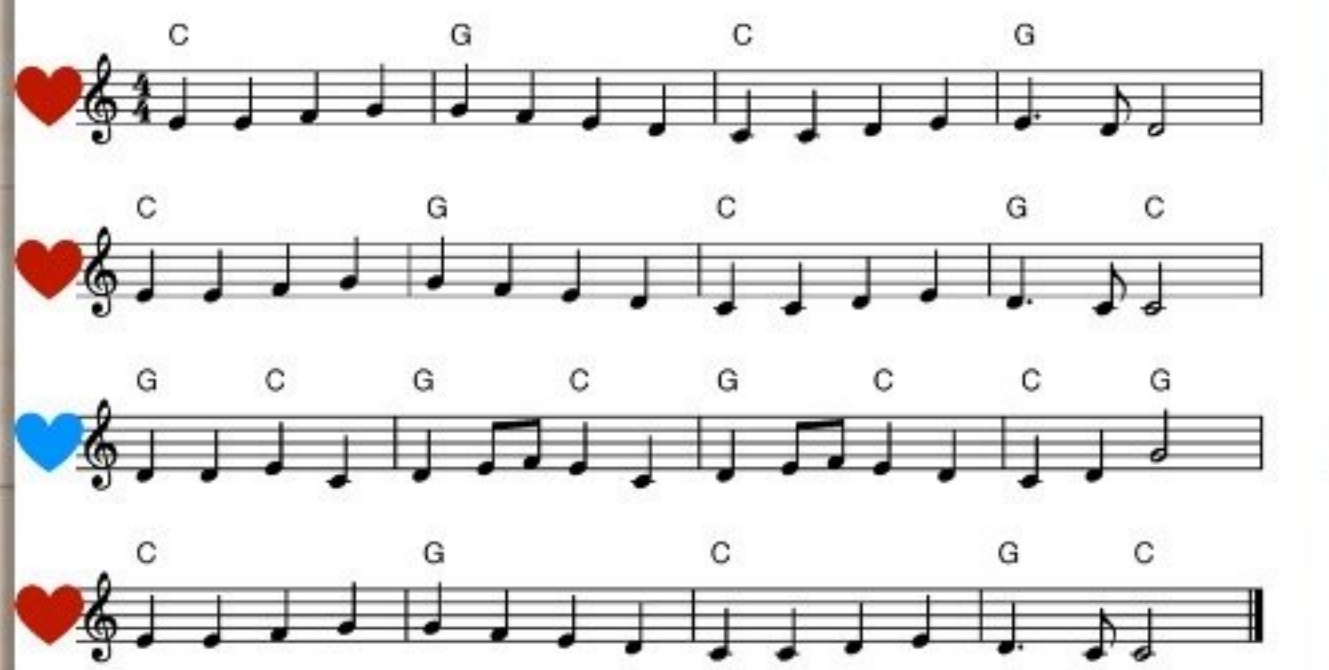
– Purposeful Play Music



Challenge fast learners by having them play the melody on pitched instruments.

Print or project the included notation

"Ode to Joy"
Theme from Beethoven's 9th Symphony



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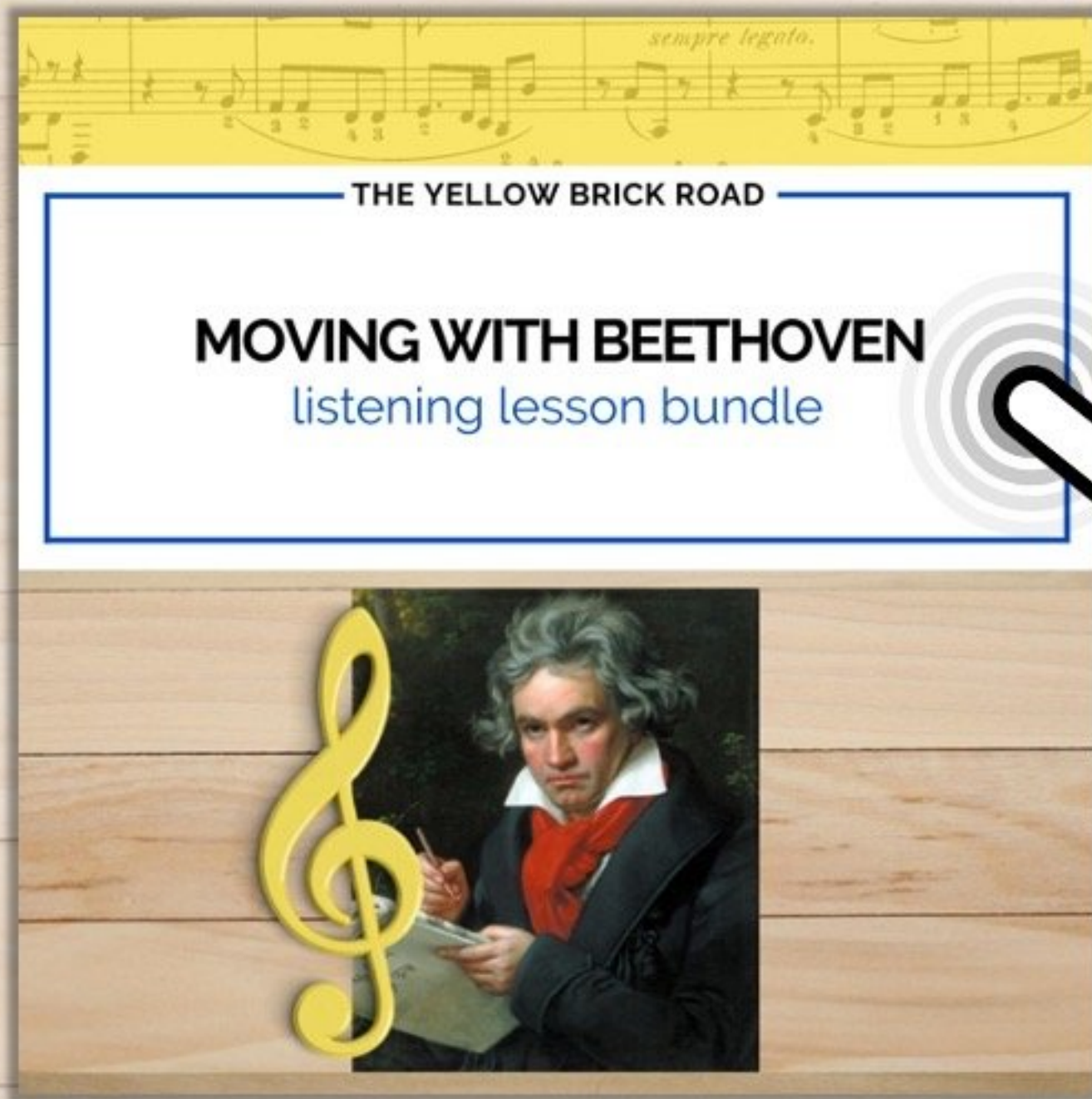


I used this with my unit about Beethoven. It was awesome for my little guys! I would highly recommend the whole set.

– Dibble's Dabbles



Project the notation on your board and have students play the melody on mallet instruments or using colored percussion tubes.



I have used elements of this bundle with almost all of my classes, multiple times. It is such an easy way to teach/reinforce rhythms and keep students engaged in learning about Beethoven!

– Emma B.



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