

Animation-ish: Classroom Edition - Activity Guide

Drawing a Treble Clef

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Age Span: 8-12

Time Allotment: 20 minutes

Curriculum Alignment: Music

Standards: National Music Standard

- Students read whole, half, quarter, eighth, sixteenth, and dotted notes and rests.
- Students identify and define standard notation symbols for pitch, rhythm, dynamics, tempo, articulation, and expression.

Learner Outcomes/Objectives:

- All students will accurately draw and animate a treble clef symbol.
- All students will accurately draw and animate a treble clef symbol that is correctly placed around the G line and on a staff.

Materials Needed:

- Animation-Ish Program
- Blackboard or whiteboard
- Computer
- Tablet (Optional)

Instructions for Activity:

1. Discuss what a treble clef is and its significance in music.
2. Discuss what it looks like – possibly the letter G.
3. Draw the treble clef as slowly as possible on the whiteboard to demonstrate how it circles the line G.
4. Explain that the treble clef is also called the G clef because it circles the line G.
5. Have students draw a treble clef three times using *Wiggledoodle-Ish*.
 - Students draw a treble clef on the first page. Click “Next.”
 - Draw the treble clef again, making sure the “Trace” feature is turned on. Click “Next.”
 - Draw the treble clef sign a third time. Click “Play.”
6. Continue the lesson by having the students animate the treble clef and have it placed on the appropriate line using *Flipbook-ish*.
 - Begin by having students draw five lines.
 - The student should then click the “duplicate frame” button until they have several frames of the staff.
 - The student then clicks on the first frame and draws the beginning of the treble clef.
 - The student then goes to the next frame on the timeline and draws a little more.
 - When he or she is finished, click “play” or “loop” to view their creation.
7. Advanced students may want to give the treble clef a personality like eyes or a mouth.

Animation-Ish level: *Wiggledoodle-Ish*, *Flipbook-Ish*

Sample File: DrawingATrebleClef.ish2

