



Term 3 (2nd half term) The Orchestra

1. List all the orchestral instruments under the following families:

Strings

Woodwind

Brass

Percussion

2. Research Beethoven. When and where was he born?
3. What disability did Beethoven suffer?
4. How many symphonies did he write?
5. Which symphony does 'Ode to Joy' feature in?
6. Can you name any famous piano pieces by Beethoven?

Symphony

A symphony is a long piece of music for an orchestra to play. It is made up of 4 movements (which are shorter pieces within themselves). The movements usually have these kinds of characteristics:

Movement 1 = fast tempo, lively

Movement 2 = slow tempo, gentle and often song-like

Movement 3 = quite fast, usually in 3 time, like a dance

Movement 4 = very fast, grand finale



Listen to 4 excerpts from symphonies. Use you tube! Make notes in the table below about their characteristics.



	Tempo	Other musical features	Which movement do you think it's from?
Excerpt 1			
Excerpt 2			
Excerpt 3			
Excerpt 4			