



Building Blocks of Music

Music Notes

Q&A Discussion Guide

QUESTIONS

1. What types of music notes did we learn about?
2. How many beats does a whole note get?
3. What are the parts of an eighth note?
4. How many beats does a quarter note get?
5. What is a beam, and what is it used for?
6. Which notes can we count using "1-e-&-a, 2-e-&-a..."?
7. How many beats does a half note get?
8. Describe a half note. What does it look like?
9. When a note's stem points up, which side of the notehead is the stem on?
10. Clap a combination of notes and have the class repeat the rhythm back.

ANSWERS & TEACHER GUIDE

1. Whole, half, quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes.
2. 4 beats.
3. A shaded notehead, stem, and flag.
4. 1 beat.
5. A beam connects two or more eighth notes or sixteenth notes.
6. Sixteenth notes.
7. 2 beats.
8. An unshaded (open) notehead with a stem.
9. The right side. ↓
10. Listen and check. Depending on the class level, clap more difficult rhythms.

TEACHER NOTE

Turn Question 10 into a quick class challenge by calling out different note types and having students clap or count their values. You can also reverse the activity by clapping a rhythm and asking students which notes they hear.

