

The Marriage of Figaro, K.492

Overture

1. What is the speed of this piece? What Italian word would you use to describe it?
2. What instrument(s) play the opening notes?
 - a. Woodwinds
 - b. Strings
 - c. Brass
 - d. Percussion
3. What dynamic level is the opening passage?
 - a. Forte
 - b. Piano
4. Which musical elements do you hear in this piece?
 - a. Fast running scales
 - b. Arpeggios
 - c. Sections played by percussion
 - d. Quick changes of dynamics
 - e. a, b, and d
 - f. All of the above
5. Is the piece in a major or a minor key?
6. Does the first theme come back later in the piece?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
7. Describe the overall mood of the piece and think of a story that could go with the music. If the music was used as a movie soundtrack, what kind of a movie or scene would it be used for?