

LESSON PLAN: INDEX

Title: William Tell Overture
Length: Two 30 minute classes

Cycle: 2

FOCUS OF THE LESSON:

To have students recognize the music of Rossini's William Tell Overture.

MUSIC COMPETENCIES:

To appreciate musical works, personal productions and those of classmates.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE:

- Graphic Representation □ use of non-traditional code
- Language of music
- Sound Sources □ Sound System (Information and Communications Technologies)
- Music Appreciation repertoire.

CROSS-CURRICULAR COMPETENCIES:

To solve problems.
To use creativity.
To adopt effective work methods.

BROAD AREAS OF LEARNING: (INCLUDING OTHER SUBJECT-MATTER)

Health and Well-being.
Personal and Career Planning.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Evidence of an opinion in his/her appreciation.
Appropriate use of non-traditional code.

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Story of William Tell

Once upon a time there was an archery marksman named William Tell who traveled throughout the European countryside with his son hunting and perfecting his archery skills.

One day Tell and his son journeyed into a village ruled by an eccentric king. As they walked through the village, they passed by a tall pole with a hat on top of it. They noticed people bowing in respect to it as each one walked by. William Tell felt this was silly, so he ignored the hat and moved on. As Tell passed it, people were shocked and astonished to see that this hunter would do such a thing. Shortly, the king's guardsmen arrived, and they escorted William Tell off to prison.

The reason for William Tell's imprisonment was that he had broken the king's law that states "everyone who passes the hat must bow to it"; the king adored this hat so much he felt everyone should honor it.

After a few days, everyone realized that William Tell had a son who needed to be taken care of, so the king offered Tell a proposition (deal) to earn his freedom. The king said that William Tell would be freed if he could shoot an apple off his son's head with an arrow. Mr. Tell, being an expert marksman, decided to try. He was allotted only two arrows, so was given only two tries. So his son was placed at a tree with an apple on his head. Mr. Tell fitted the first arrow, aimed, and fired. It went wide. He fitted the next and last arrow, keenly aimed, and fired. Bullseye! It was a perfect shot. The king kept his word, and William Tell was freed. He and his son moved on, traveling throughout the countryside.