

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GARAGE BAND PROJECT

OBJECTIVE: YOU WILL WRITE A FILM SCORE

- Choose a film scene you would like to write music to (this can either be an actual film scene, or something fictitious)
  - You may work with a partner
  - Don't let your classmates know your pick!

## INSTRUCTIONS:

All compositions must have:

- Dynamic AND tempo changes from the original instrument loops
- AT LEAST 24 measures
- AT LEAST 5 different tracks playing simultaneously

## DAY 1:

### Garage Band Tutorial

1. How to select instruments, build tracks from loops, extend loops
2. Change the tempo
3. Change the dynamics

### Project

4. Discuss with your partner the “mood” of your composition
  - You must decide on a scene FIRST – then write the music
5. Decide on your scene and complete the top of the assessment form
  - Once you decide, you may not change it
6. Listen to the different instrument patches to find ones that you think will work. If time allows, start to work on your composition

## DAY 2:

Work on your composition. Remember tempo and dynamic changes should either be gradual, or quick bursts of change. Don't over do it!!

## DAY 3:

Finish your composition. Don't forget to change the tempo and dynamics. Score yourself on the assessment sheet.

**DAY4:**  
**PRESENTATIONS**

You will play your composition for the class. The class will then guess the scene. You will reveal the answer at the end of your presentation, and your peers will score you.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Garage Band Project Assessment

Questions 3-6 are worth 15 points, all others are worth 10 points each

1. Utilized class time well \_\_\_\_\_ (10 points)
2. I changed dynamics in the song \_\_\_\_\_ (10 points)
3. I changed the tempo of the original patches \_\_\_\_\_ (15 points)
4. I have at least 5 instruments (playing simultaneously)  
in my composition \_\_\_\_\_ (15 points)
5. The composition was at least 24 measures long \_\_\_\_\_ (15 points)
6. I followed directions \_\_\_\_\_ (15 points)
7. The mood of my composition is appropriate for my  
scene \_\_\_\_\_ (10 points)
8. Peer assessment \_\_\_\_\_ (10 points)

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_