Motif (mō'tēf)

Objective: I can identify, create and perform a motif.

Engage



Motif =A simple movement pattern (perhaps 3 movements or a phrase) which is composed and remembered by the dancer. The initial motif starts to communicate the dance idea/theme and is capable of being developed. It provides shape and structure to a dance.

Explore

Watch this video on using motif in composition

Explain

STEP ONE: Check out this resource on using **motif**.

STEP TWO: It's time for you to create a **motif**. Use this template to find an idea to dance about.

- Not sure how it works? Checkout this example template

Apply

STEP ONE: Create your **motif**. Using your template as a guide, create an 8-count dance phrase that will be your motif.

STEP TWO: Change using the choreographic devices in the

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video and dance elements of the dance phrase. Use this dance elements chart if you need a little help. Experiment with your **motif** until you have something you like.

STEP THREE: Record yourself performing your new dance phrase. As you watch it, TAG yourself.

- Tell something you liked about your performance
- Ask a question about your performance
- Give a suggestion about how to improve the performance



Share

STEP 1: Reflect on the following questions. Then, ***write your responses to the following questions in your portfolio.***

- What is a **motif**? How can you identify one when you watch a dance?
- What was your favorite part of this lesson & why?

STEP 2: Share your dance or performance with someone in your household or over a video call. Explain what a **dance motif** is, so your listener understands the context. You can even show them the dance before you changed it. Tell them what your favorite part of this lesson was.



Reflect

Do you like your dance? Did you find this task challenging?

Add your reflection to your portfolio.

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