

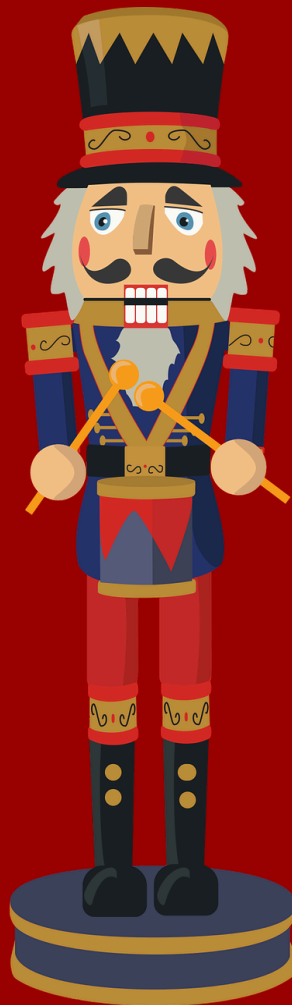
# The Nutcracker

Week One

Grade 3

**OBJECTIVE:** to listen to and describe Tchaikovsky's "Trepak," also known as the "Russian Dance."

**DIRECTIONS:** Read through the information below and then click on the links. When you get to the end of the doc, click on the google form to answer some questions.



Hi friends! For the next three weeks, we are going to be listening to the music of a composer named Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky. His name may not be familiar to you, but I bet his music is! He wrote the music for “The Nutcracker,” a famous ballet created in 1892.

Though very popular now, it didn’t start out that way! Two things happened that really helped to make this music famous. The first thing that happened was that a man named Walt Disney used Tchaikovsky’s music for “Fantasia,” and the second thing that happened was that the ballet was televised (put on tv) in the late 1950’s. It has been famous ever since!

The piece that you are going to hear today is called, “Trepak.” It’s a really short piece and it is probably very familiar to you! Please listen for the AABA form in this piece of music.

A: first section

A: first section repeated

B: melody changes

A: first section is repeated again

Click on the picture of Tchaikovsky to hear it.



Did you recognize the music? I bet you did! It's used in SO many movies and commercials this time of year!

Now, just for fun, check out this version of "Trepak." I picked it just for you! Click on the nutcracker and link below:)



Click on the google form link below to answer a couple questions:) Have a great week!

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