

5th/6th Grade Music Blizzard Bag

Online Option #3

****BEFORE TRYING TO TYPE ANSWERS BELOW, PLEASE GO TO “FILE” ABOVE AND SELECT “MAKE A COPY.” THEN, GO TO YOUR DRIVE, AND OPEN YOUR COPY OF THE DOCUMENT TO TYPE YOUR RESPONSES. DON’T FORGET TO SHARE IT WITH ME (KRISTIN JOHNSON) WHEN YOU’RE FINISHED!****

Explore the game [“Isle of Tune”](#) for at least 15 minutes.***

(*** This program should run for free on a computer. You will need Flash Player in your browser to play. There is an app version for iPad, but I believe it costs money to download that app. Unless your family doesn’t mind you purchasing the app, I suggest you do this activity only with a computer, and not on a mobile device.)

You will need to have your computer speakers turned on!

To get started, press the “Play” button in the bottom right corner of the opening page.

Unless you’re real adventurous, I suggest you start by clicking the “View Islands: Browse All Shared Tunes.” Select any one of the “Islands” on the list (and they’re always changing as people share new ones) and see what it sounds like. If you want to hear a different one while you have one open, go back to the blue box at the top center that says, “View Shared Islands,” and you’ll get back to the list.

Once you’re ready to try setting up your own neighborhood, either click on “New” at the bottom-right corner of the screen (if you’re still looking at a shared island), or if you have gone back to the opening screen, click on “Create island: Start with empty space.”

Name your island at the top of the screen by clicking on it and typing in whatever name you like. Then, put down some road, and add houses, trees, flowers, light posts, etc. by using the different buttons at the bottom of the screen. **After you insert an item, click on it to adjust the pitch/sound to your liking.** Doing this will also change the picture slightly (i.e. houses with different colored roofs, different types of flowers and trees).

Once you’ve put in some houses, trees, flowers, and lights, then add cars around the neighborhood and click the green “GO” button in the bottom left of the screen to hear your composition!

Play around with it for a while, and when you’re happy with your composition or you’ve reached the 15-minute minimum time block, please answer the following questions (see next page).

1. If you viewed some other shared islands before starting your own, what did you like about those shared islands? Was there anything you didn't like? OR, if you started your own island right away, what was the hardest part about getting started on your own?

2. Which item (houses, trees, flowers, or lights) was your favorite to work with?

3. As you explored and built your island, describe your building plan in at least 3 sentences. Were you most concerned with the shape of the road, the placement of items or cars, or the adjustments to each item? What was most important to you as you built your neighborhood?

4. Were you happy with how your composition turned out? What might you try differently next time?