Taken from The Carnival of the Animals
Music by Camille Saint-Saëns

TEACHING POINTS:

Form and Structure (Rondo)
Melody (Shape & Pitch)
Sonority (Orchestral Instruments & Techniques)
Tempo
Tonality
Texture
Dynamics
Harmony (Cadences)
Musical Styles (Western Classical Tradition & Romantic)

1) What melodic device do the string instruments use to begin the piece? (Underline one).

A scale (a rising or falling pattern of notes, usually moving in step)
<u>A glissando (sliding from one note to another)</u>
An arpeggio (the notes of a chord played separately)

2) During the opening A Section, which of the following percussion instruments plays the main melody? (Underline one).

Glockenspiel   <u>Xylophone</u>   Timpani

3) And during the same section, which of the following instruments imitates this melody?

Violin   Viola   Cello   <u>Piano</u>

4) How would you describe the speed of this piece?

<u>Allegro (Quick)</u>   Andante (Walking Pace)   Adagio (Slow)

5) Identify the tonality of the A sections.

<u>Minor</u>   Major

6) Identify the type of texture used during Section B.

Monophonic   Homophonic   <u>Polyphonic</u>
(a single melody line) (melody and chordal accompaniment)   <u>(independent melodies)</u>

7) During Section C, which of the following woodwind instruments plays the main melody?

Flute   Oboe   <u>Clarinet</u>   Bassoon

8) At the end of Section C, this same instrument plays an arpeggio (the notes of a chord played separately). In what direction does it travel?

It ascends   <u>It descends</u>

9) Identify the tonality of sections B and C.

Minor   <u>Major</u>

10) Which section of the piece (A, B or C) contains the loudest dynamic?

<u>A</u>   B   C

11) Apart from Section A, during which other section of the piece do the string instruments play pizzicato (plucking the strings)?

A   B   <u>C</u>

12) Identify the type of cadence (chord progression) used to end every section.

<u>Perfect</u>   Plagal   Imperfect   Interrupted
<u>(V – I)</u>   (IV – I)   (I/ii/IV/vi – V)   (V – vi)

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