OPUS 1

REINTRODUCE AND PRACTICE: CONCERT D | INTRODUCE AND PRACTICE: STAFF, FERMATA, LONG TONE, REST, AND FINAL BAR LINE





MUSIC STAFF

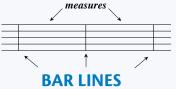
The music staff is where

notes and rests are written.

It has 5 lines and 4 spaces.

LONG TONE

A long tone is a held note. The fermata () indicates to hold the note until your teacher tells you to rest.



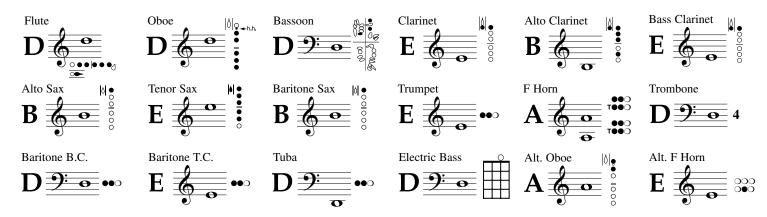
Bar lines divide the music staff into measures.



FINAL BAR LINE

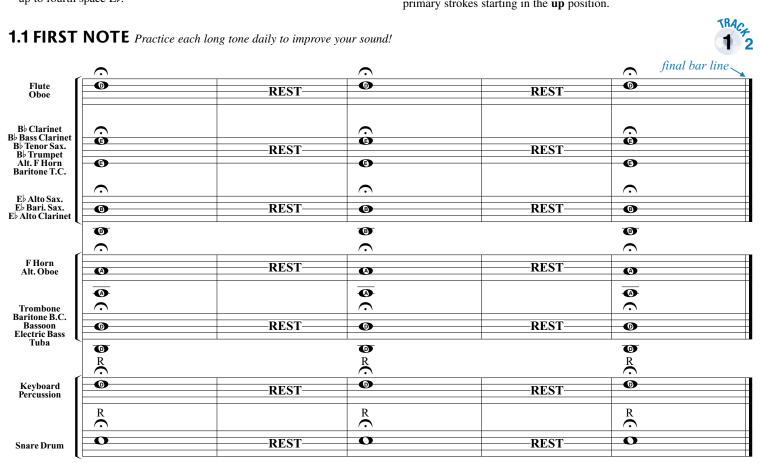
A final bar line indicates the end of a piece.

- Don't spend a lot of time instructing these concepts: introduce them, let students find them in a few of the exercises, give positive feedback, move on.
- · Come back to these concepts randomly as you move throughout the page and the Opus.
- Practice a few long tones and fermatas without notation.



- From the introductory pages, students will know concert pitches C and D. Help them to connect notes to notation. If notation is a problem, have them play by ear and then return to notation.
- Oboes beginning on concert D will use the half-hole. Half-hole is the octave mechanism that is generally used for fourth line Db, chromatically up to fourth space Eb.
- Have students point to staff, bar line, fermata and final bar line
- Always encourage a beautiful tone. Be watchful of good air support and proper embouchure at all times.
- Percussion: Remember that snare sound decays immediately. Keep eye contact with percussionists to reinforce good entrances. Mallets use primary strokes starting in the up position.

1.1 FIRST NOTE Practice each long tone daily to improve your sound!



INTRODUCE AND PRACTICE: QUARTER NOTE AND REST | REINFORCE: CONCERT D, MEASURE, BAR LINE, FINAL BAR LINE, AND FOUR ON A HAND (PERC.)

- Use some familiar recorded music and let students clap or tap the steady beat.
- Students count aloud four beats of clapping/tapping and four beats silently by clasping hands together and pulsing. Repeat. This internalizes the rhythm for students.



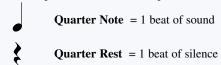
BEAT

The **beat** is the pulse of the music. Tap your foot to keep a steady beat!



NOTES AND RESTS

Notes represent sound. Rests represent silence.





FOUR ON A HAND

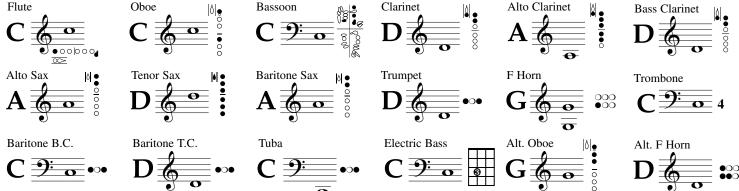
Playing four consecutive notes with the same hand is called **four on a hand.**



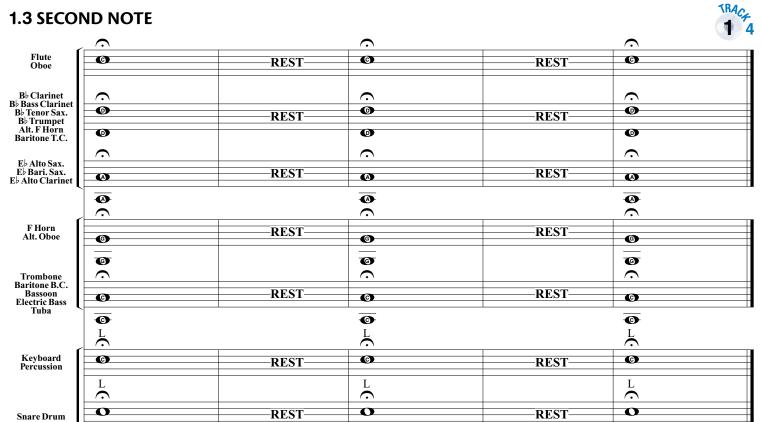
- Students can clap or tap a steady beat before playing this and other exercises.
- Point to a regular bar line and a final bar line. Ask for differences.
- When the arrow points down, the foot taps the floor. When the arrow points up, the foot comes up. Encourage foot tapping and other rhythmic movement.
- Turn to different examples in the book. Ask students to count the measures.
- Percussion: Focus on grip point, finger placement, and stroke production.
 Watch that stick heights are consistent (8 10") and stick tips are in the center of the head. Demonstrate this for them. Reinforce how it looks and sounds when done correctly compared to when stick heights and tip placements are incorrect.



REINTRODUCE AND PRACTICE: CONCERT C | REINFORCE: LONG TONE, FERMATA, REST, AND FINAL BAR LINE



- Students should identify, describe, and (where applicable) perform concepts.
- Getting students to watch is easily practiced in this example. Don't forget your percussionists!



REINFORCE: CONCERT C, AND QUARTER NOTES AND RESTS

- Students should count aloud during rests using the standard number system. If they have used a different system in general music, you can use it interchangeably with counting. However, as music increases in complexity, counting is the superior system.
- Encourage rhythmic movement to feel the beat tapping feet, bobbing head, etc.
- Ask the question at the beginning of the exercise: How many measures do you see? Follow up with counting them together or have an individual demonstrate.

1.4 FOUR MORE *How many measures do you see?*



