



In Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, brass instruments (trumpets, French horns, trombones and tubas) play the theme, alternating with timpani and cymbals. See if you can hear when all of these different instruments come in. Does the rhythm of the main theme change towards the end?

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland
Born: November 14, 1900
Died: December 2, 1990

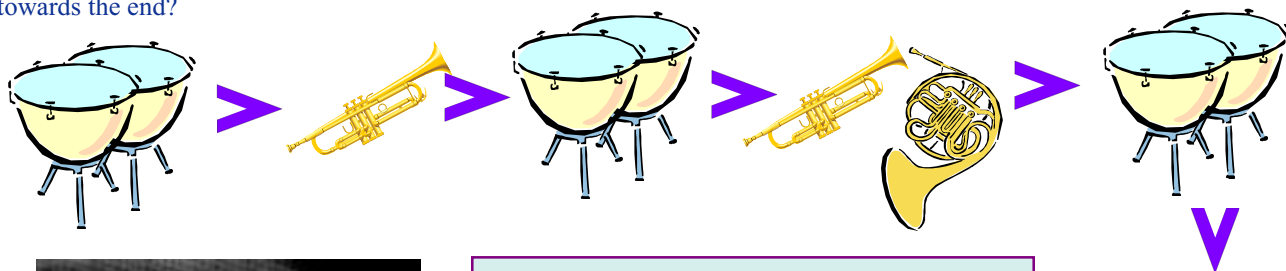
Aaron Copland is one of the most famous American composers of all time. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, and went to France as a teenager to study music with Nadia Boulanger, who helped Copland create his own style.

Copland wrote music with a very "American" sound. Some of his most famous pieces are his ballets — *Billy the Kid*, *Rodeo*, and *Appala-*

chian Spring. *Billy the Kid* and *Rodeo* are about the Wild West.

Copland also wrote music for movies — *Of Mice and Men* and *Our Town*, among others.

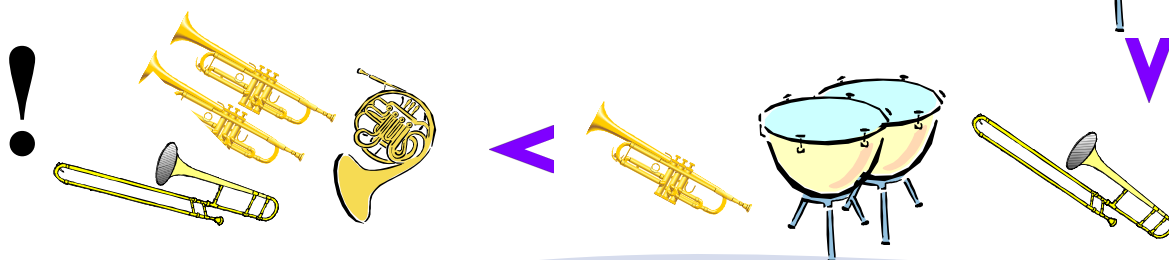
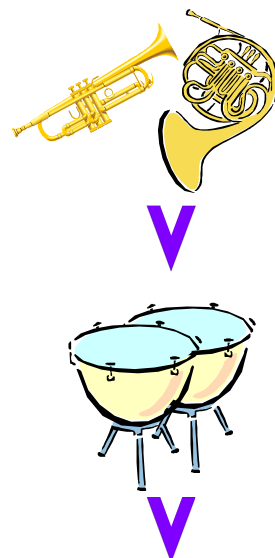
One of Copland's best known compositions is *Fanfare for the Common Man*. Copland wrote it after the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra asked several composers to write fanfares during World War II. Copland's music has become a great part of American history.



Uncommon Facts

Since its premiere in Cincinnati's Music Hall on March 12, 1943, Aaron Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man* has been one of the most frequently performed works for orchestra around the world.

Copland tried and rejected many different titles for this work including, *Fanfare of the Day of Victory*, *Fanfare for a Solemn Ceremony* and *Fanfare for Four Freedoms*. He finally chose *Fanfare for the Common Man* because he wanted to honor every person who worked for victory, including those who weren't on the battlefield.



Fanfare

A FANFARE is music played by a group of brass instruments, especially trumpets, and sometimes also by percussion. It is used to make an announcement, such as the arrival of an important person.



Here are some websites that include some great kid-friendly classical music and musical games!

American Symphony Orchestra League
www.playmusic.org

Information about instruments and performers plus interactive games.

Dallas Symphony Orchestra Kids
dsokids.com

Interactive games plus information on instruments, composers and classical music in general.

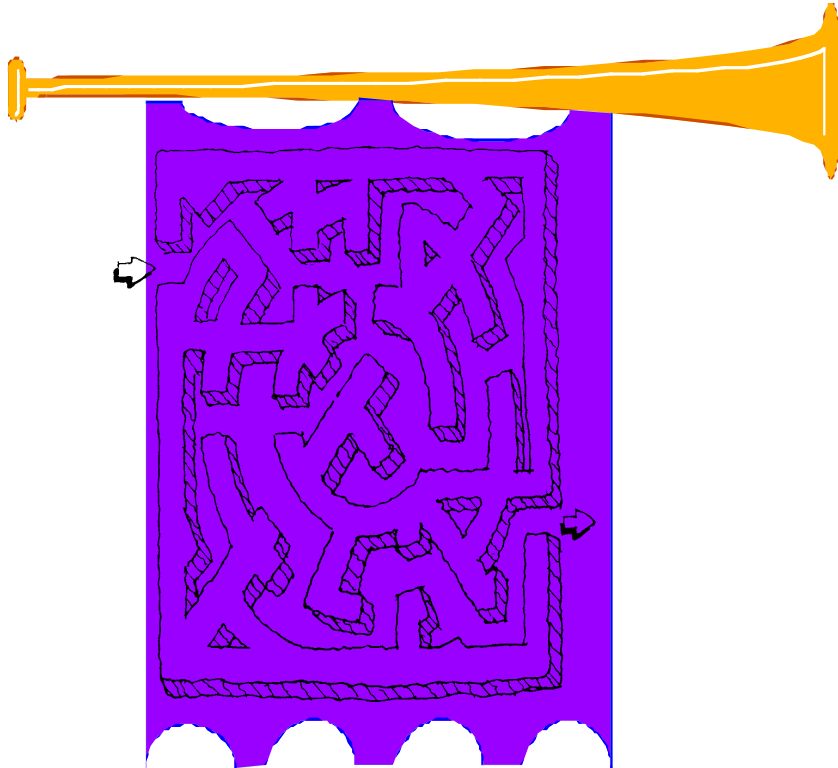
Music education at Datadragon
datadragon.com/education/reading/
A good site for information on musical symbols, clefs, note reading, time signatures, note values, etc.

National Arts Centre, Canada
www.artsalive.ca/en/mus/index.html
Lots of information on composers and instruments plus musical games and more.

New York Philharmonic
www.nyphilkids.org/main.phtml
Interactive games plus information on instruments, composers and classical music in general.

San Francisco Symphony
www.sfskids.org/
Interactive games plus information on instruments, composers and classical music in general.

Classics for Kids
www.classicsforkids.com
You can always find great games, an interactive music dictionary, composer facts, and music history information right here at WGUC's own Classics for Kids website!



Bugle Call or Fanfare?

Put a **B** for Bugle call and an **F** for Fanfare.

- _____ Written for one instrument
- _____ Usually written for many instruments
- _____ Does not have any particular signalling purpose
- _____ Has been used for centuries for military signaling
- _____ "Taps" is a famous one of these
- _____ The theme from "Star Wars" is one of these