

Handout

Listening Exercise

Directions:

Watch and listen to a musical performance then answer the questions below:

What are the distinctive characteristics of the sound of the primary instrument or instruments the performance?

Describe any other instruments or musical elements of the song outside of the primary instrument. How do they compliment the primary instrument?

Describe the rhythmic qualities of the song you are hearing? What makes these rhythmic qualities unique? Do they remind you of any other instrument? If so, what instrument and why?

What techniques do you see the performer using in their performance? Discuss the similarities and differences between this performance and the other performances you have seen or heard.