

AMPLIFY 2017
IDEAS FOR PREPARATION

<http://shreveportsymphony.com/education/amplify/>

1. Create a playlist of the nine Amplify songs, and play it as often as possible! Even if it is on in the background of your regular lesson, be sure and point out the songs as you hear them, so that students will gain fluency with the song titles and composers. Point out unique features of the song that will help students locate themselves when they hear just a short excerpt from the middle or end of a song.
2. Share the Amplify playlist with your students. Encourage them to listen to the songs whenever they can: on the way to school, while doing your homework, at nighttime before bed, etc.
3. Identify individual students who are motivated and excited about this program. Encourage them to prepare on their own, and help them sign up for the preliminary competitions.
4. Host a schoolwide practice competition: play short excerpts from the nine pieces, and have students record the major work, selection, and composer. Find special ways to recognize and honor the school winners.
5. Build a special Amplify team who can meet during extracurricular periods or after school to prepare together.
6. Encourage friendly competition with other schools who are participating.
7. Print out the Amplify posters from the first page of each lesson, and display them prominently around your classroom.
8. Use the Amplify curriculum to engage your students in active listening exercises around each of the nine pieces.
9. Create Listening maps to correspond with each of the songs, as a visual mnemonic for the students. Encourage students to draw their own listening maps, too!
10. Divide your students into teams, and play trivia games about the Amplify songs (i.e. Name that Tune, Jeopardy, etc.)
11. Teach students about the historical periods in music (Early/Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th century/modern) and the stylistic features of each period. Then, using the color-coded posters, help students to anchor each of the pieces within its historical period by pointing out relevant musical features.
12. Watch the Youtube videos together. Better yet, as you go through the videos, have students guess the song before you reveal it to them.
13. Host an Amplify night, and involve students' parents! Set up stations corresponding to each of the nine pieces, and have students and parents rotate to complete listening or craft activities about each of the songs.
14. Designate each week as the week of a particular song ("Agnus Dei week," "Jupiter Symphony Week," etc.). Listen to that song all week long, and complete themed activities relating to the composer and/or historical period.
15. Assign each student one of the songs to present to his/her teammates (Encourage them to share their favorite part of their piece with each other, as well as to identify unique features of that song). Then switch it up so that the students familiarize themselves with multiple songs.
16. Learn more about the history of each song. Use the Amplify curriculum as a resource, or have students do the research themselves!
17. Play matching and memory games with the Amplify icons.