

## Keeping Score: Ludwig van Beethoven Eroica Questionnaire

Ages: 15 - 18 Projected time: 55 - 65 min

Supplies needed: Pencil and writing paper. Computer with internet access.

**Project Intro**: Students will watch a documentary on Beethoven's 3rd Symphony from the San Francisco Symphony's Youtube page and they will answer questions about the video.

## **PART 1: Questions**

Visit this website: <u>Keeping Score: Ludwig van Beethoven Eroica</u>

## Play and pause the video when necessary.

## Questionnaire:

- 1. Which symphony is still considered a supreme test for a symphony orchestra?
- A. Beethoven's Eroica.
- 2. Is Eroica Beethoven's first symphony? If not, then which one is it?
- A. It's his 3rd symphony.
- 3. How many movements are in the Eroica Symphony?
- A. Four movements.
- 4. How does the first movement begin?
- A. With two big confident E flat chords.

- 5. How does the first movement end in Eroica?
- A. With insistently joyous triads.
- 6. What did Beethoven do to gain the favor of the aristocrats in Vienna?
- A. By playing his compositions and improvising on the piano.
- 7. Eight days after they met, what did Beethoven do to the composer that improvised on one of his themes?
- A. Beethoven improvised on the other composer's theme for a full hour right after a performance.
- 8. Which instrument represents the private persona in the symphony?
- A. The oboe.
- 9. Beethoven uses the key of C minor to create a sense of tragedy, which key does he use to suggest hope?
- A. A flat Major
- 10. When Beethoven started to write his 3rd symphony, who did he first write it for?
- A. Napoleon Bonaparte
- 11. Which of Beethoven's symphonies was his favorite?
- A. His 3rd Symphony Eroica.