

# Listening to & Understanding Music

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## In the Hall of the Mountain King

(Peer Gynt Suite), Edvard Grieg (1875)

How many years ago was this song written?

Watch the live orchestra recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCsV7EIhoMU>

1. Which instruments do you see at the beginning of the song?
2. How does the conductor keep time, with his hands, the baton, but what else?
3. How are the violins played early on, and then later when the song gets really busy?
4. What does the orchestra look like when the song gets really busy?
5. Which instruments are playing when the song gets really busy?
6. How do you feel watching this video? Do you think it is more interesting to watch music than to just listen? If yes, or no, explain why?

Watch this cartoon set to the music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGkSaIzZtsk>

1. What's the story told in this cartoon?
2. Does it remind you of any movies you've seen?
3. Do you think the animator did a good job matching the cartoon to the music? Do you think that was easy or hard? Describe 2 places you thought were very well matched to the music.

Watch this line rider cartoon set to the same music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIz3kIPET3o&t=73s>

1. Do you like this kind of cartoon? What is different than the cartoon before?
2. Why do you think animators love this music?
3. How is the story the same and different, compared to the cartoon before?