



# Wigan Music Service Whole Class Instrumental Lessons at Home

## STRINGS



### Listen Up!

Click on the link to listen to the Finale of the William Tell Overture by Rossini. <https://youtu.be/j3T8-aeOrbg>

Rossini was an Italian composer who was born in 1792 and died in 1868. Rossini wrote lots of music for **operas**. He was very lazy and would often leave his work until the last minute before finishing it. He once had to have someone from the opera company lock him in his room until he finished writing!

**Operas** are long works that are like films. Lots of your favourite Disney films that have songs are like opera, except in opera, there is no talking amongst the characters. Everything is sung! They usually tell a story about heroes or love. Listen again to William Tell. What story do you think is being told? Use your imagination!

What did you think?

How did it make you feel?

What was your favourite bit?

### Make Some Music



After the introduction, the strings start to play a bit softer. They play this rhythm:



Can you clap or play this on the D string?

Be careful that the 3 walks at the end don't rush!

How many times do the strings play that pattern before it changes?

You should hear the pattern 3 times before it changes.

We are going to learn how to play this section. It works a bit like a question and answer. Can you spot the difference on the Final Answer?

Question:



Answer:



Question:



Final Answer:





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### Investigate



Let's investigate the story of William Tell.

What can you find out?

These websites might help you:

[https://www.classicsforkids.com/composers/composer\\_profile.php?id=59](https://www.classicsforkids.com/composers/composer_profile.php?id=59)

<https://www.classicsforkids.com/shows/shows.php?id=40>

### More Fun

Can you play a Question and Answer game with a friend or family member? Try the William Tell rhythm, or make up your own!

Can you draw some crotchets, or walk notes?

Crotchets last for 1 count/beat

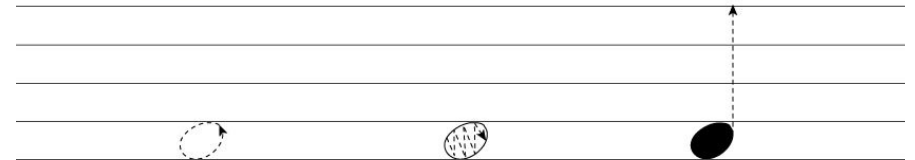
Drawing Crotchets

#### How to draw a crotchet

1. Start with a circle

2. Fill it in

3. Then draw a line



Try some below!

Four blank musical staves for practicing drawing crotchets.