

## Example of a Year 7 Listening Diary

### Mozart: Classical Piece

**First movement:** This piece of music is played by a string quartet which usually consists of: 1st violin, 2nd violin, viola and a cello. The movement starts forte and all the instruments play in unison. The tempo of the movement is allegro as most other 4 movement pieces by Mozart start with allegro. In this movement the dynamics constantly shift. The third time round it sounds minor in the beginning and at the end the music creates anticipation. When I listen to this movement it makes me feel as if I was walking into a fancy party where everything is in a higher class.

**Second movement:** In the second movement the tempo is andante, and when I listen to it, it makes me feel like in a happy movie when a character wakes up with joy but also it sounds like if someone was daydreaming. The dynamics in this movement is mezzo piano. If I had to describe this movement as an emotion it would definitely be in love or romantic. What I like about it is that it is calmer compared to the first one and that it makes me think of a story while listening to it, a story such as Snow White when she was dancing around in the forest enjoying her time.

**Third movement:** At the beginning of the third movement it is mezzo forte. This section is staccato. The time signature for this movement is  $\frac{3}{4}$ . The violins are the leading instrument and the cello and the viola accompany it. The dynamics of the second section is quieter than the first section. I would like to describe this movement as a calm and happy emotion. I think of this movement as a waltz where people are dancing in a big ball room having fun.

**Fourth movement:** This movement is also forte. The tempo for this section is allegro. In this final movement the sections repeat themselves quite often. What I liked in this movement was the crescendos that were played quietly and for a short time. This movement made me think of skipping across a field but then the melody slightly changed into a more intense melody which suddenly made me think that something bad is about to happen.

### Beethoven no.5 Symphony

**First movement:** All the instruments play the same notes and the orchestra is made up of: violins, cello, viola, double bass, trumpet, trombone, french horn, tuba, oboe, bassoons, flutes, clarinet and percussion timpani. I could also hear crescendos in the dynamics. At the beginning the music made me feel lots of tension and the story it created in my head was being chased in a dangerous scene. The emotion I would describe this movement as would be fear. What I really like about this movement is that I can hear the trumpets standing out in some parts. At the end of this movement the emotion I could hear is triumph, like if the person running away finally escaped.

**Second movement:** At the beginning the dynamics is piano. The emotion I would describe this movement by is romantic and being relaxed but also happy. The tempo is andante. This movement creates a lot of suspension and anticipation. The story that this section creates in my head is kind of strange, it's as if there were two people speaking to each other, one being shy and the other being confident, and the confident one is trying to convince the shy one to do something big and amazing. The instruments play a call and response as if a conversation was going on.

**Third movement:** At the beginning there is a crescendo. The tempo is still andante. Throughout the whole movement the strings play the most of the melody. The story this movement creates in my head is that someone is having a busy day and they are rushing from one place to another, trying to get everything completed in time. The emotion this section makes me feel is exhaustion.

**Fourth movement:** The dynamics is fortissimo. All the instruments play together. The story that this melody creates in my head is that a big battle is in action and sometimes it's very wild but then it changes into a more calm battle. Another story I think of is something on the lines of Tom and Jerry when they chase each other around fighting. The emotion this makes me feel is victory but also a bit of anger mixed with blissfulness.