

Review of Minor Mode Composition

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Understanding Emotions in Music

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Answer the following questions based on what you've learned about minor scales and emotional expression in music.

1. What emotional quality do minor scales often express?

- A. Happiness
- B. Thoughtfulness
- C. Excitement

2. How might a sad or reflective piece of music sound different from a happy one? Give at least two examples.

3. Minor scales can only express sadness and cannot convey hope.

- True False

4. The three forms of minor scales are natural, harmonic, and ____.

5. What minor scale did you choose for your melody? Explain your choice.

6. Which of the following is a characteristic of minor scales?

- A. They sound cheerful
- B. They create a sense of melancholy
- C. They are always fast-paced

7. Composers use minor modes to express deeper, more complex emotions.

- True False

8. How does your melody express emotion? Describe the elements you used.

9. Psalm 42:11 reminds us to hope in ____.

10. What is the purpose of composing a melody using a minor scale?

- A. To create a happy tune
- B. To express a specific emotion
- C. To practice playing fast

Answer Key

1. Thoughtfulness 2. A sad piece might use slower tempos and softer dynamics, while a happy piece might be faster and louder. 3. False 4. melodic 5. I chose the natural minor scale because it has a more melancholic sound that fits the emotion I wanted to express. 6. They create a sense of melancholy 7. True 8. I used a slower tempo and soft dynamics to create a feeling of sadness, and I included some dissonant notes to add tension. 9. God 10. To express a specific emotion