

Melody Composition Review

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Understanding Hymn Writing

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Answer the following questions based on your lesson about melody composition.

1. What scripture encourages us to sing a new song to God?

- A. Psalm 23:1
- B. Psalm 33:3
- C. Psalm 100:1

2. How does your melody reflect your text's meaning? Explain in 3-4 sentences.

3. A memorable hymn melody often has a strong ____ structure.

4. Creating emotional resonance in music is not important for hymn writing.

- True False

5. Which technique helps match a melody to hymn text rhythm?

- A. Using random notes
- B. Matching syllables with notes
- C. Playing faster than the text

6. What musical techniques did you use in your hymn composition? List and describe at least two.

7. Music can communicate spiritual messages through its ____ and rhythm.

8. Matching the melody to the text rhythm is crucial for effective hymn writing.

- True False

9. What is one goal of composing a hymn melody?

- A. To sound like a pop song
- B. To create a memorable and meaningful worship experience
- C. To include as many notes as possible

10. Why is patience important in melody composition? Provide your thoughts in 3-4 sentences.

Answer Key

1. Psalm 33:3 2. My melody matches the joyful themes of the text by using uplifting notes and a bright tempo. I chose high notes to express happiness, which connects to the message of praise in the hymn. 3. melodic 4. False 5. Matching syllables with notes 6. I used repetition to make the melody stick in people's minds, and I incorporated dynamics to add emotional depth. The changes in volume helped convey the message of joy and praise. 7. melody 8. True 9. To create a memorable and meaningful worship experience 10. Patience is important because creating a melody that fits well with the text can take time. It requires careful thought and experimentation. Rushing can lead to a melody that feels forced or doesn't resonate with the message.