



A+ MUSIC MEMORY – 2nd GRADE PILOT CONTEST 2017-2018

CONTEST RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) THE CONTEST.
- (1) *Summary.* The focus of this contest is an in-depth study of fine pieces of music taken from a wide spectrum of genres to expose students to great composers, their lives and their music. The League will publish each year the Official UIL Music Memory List and provide sources for obtaining recordings of the music and information on the pieces and composers.
 - (2) *Contest Format.* Students will complete a matching section and will then listen to approximately 20 seconds of each of 10 musical selections.
- (b) REPRESENTATION.
- (1) *Contestants.* Second grade students who are eligible under C&CR Sections 1400 and 1405 may enter this pilot division of the Music Memory contest.
 - (2) *Individuals.* Each participant school may enter as many as five contestants in the pilot 2nd grade division in the district meet.
 - (3) *Team Competition.* If the district has elected to include team competition, the combined scores of all contestants in the division from a school, divided by the number of contestants from that school, shall constitute the school's team score. A team shall have at least three contestants compete to participate in team competition.
- (c) CONTEST ADMINISTRATION.
- (1) *Personnel.* All personnel in this contest may be coaches of participating students.
 - (A) *Contest Director.* The contest director will be in charge of running the contest and resolving any problems that arise. The director may appoint an assistant director.
 - (B) *Graders.* At least three graders should be familiar with the instructions for grading and the contest rules. The contest director may recruit more than three graders.
 - (2) *Time Allotted for Contest.* Allow up to 10 minutes for contestants to complete the matching portion. Allow approximately 20-25 seconds of listening time for each of the 10 music segments and adequate time between each selection for writing. There is no tiebreaker section for the 2nd grade contest. The entire contest should take no more than 30 minutes to complete.
 - (3) *Materials.*
 - (A) *Provided by UIL.* The following materials will be provided to schools submitting the appropriate requisitions as indicated in the A+ Handbook and on the UIL website.
 - (i) Matching test for 2nd grade.
 - (ii) Answer key.
 - (iii) Audio CD.
 - (B) *Provided by the Host School.* Sound equipment to play audio material. The contest room should be appropriate for an event which requires contestants to listen to and identify recorded music.
 - (C) *Provided by the School or Student.* Pens, pencils and/or erasers.
 - (D) *Other.* No other materials or notes may be used in the contest.
- (d) CONDUCTING THE CONTEST.
- (1) *Number Contestants.* Distribute test answer sheets. As roll is called, instruct contestants to write their assigned contestant number on the answer sheet where indicated.
 - (2) *Clear Room.* Contestants and coaches should be informed of the time and place of the verification

period. Spectators and coaches not assigned a specific duty in administering the contest should be dismissed from the contest room before the contest begins.

- (3) *Test.* STEP ONE: A word bank of composer names will be included on the test. Contestants should write the composer name next to the correct selection title, using each composer once. STEP TWO: Contestants should listen to each music excerpt and put the correct number next to the selection name.
- (e) GRADING.
- (1) *Briefing Graders.* Brief graders on the procedure to be used for grading and explain the scoring process.
 - (2) *Criteria.* The test is graded objectively. Two points are awarded for each correct answer; for the matching section, one point is awarded if the composer is correct but misspelled.
 - (3) *Scoring.* Each test should be independently scored twice, and papers contending to place should be scored a third time. In the matching portion of the contest, award two points for the correct composer, or one point if the composer is correct but misspelled. In the listening portion of the contest, award two points for correct recognition of selection title. Do not deduct points; simply award no points for incorrect or unanswered items.
 - (4) *Ties.* There is no tiebreaker for the 2nd grade contest. Any ties will stand.
 - (5) *Ranking Teams.* Scores of all members who participated on the team should be added and divided by the number of team members. A team shall have at least three contestants to participate in the team competition.
 - (6) *Points.* Because Music Memory is an established UIL contest, districts may choose to award points for the 2nd grade pilot contest. Points are awarded as specified in *C&CR* Section 1408(i). Individual points are awarded through sixth place. Team points are awarded through third place. Tied individuals or teams split the total points equally for the two or more places in which a tie exists.
- (f) VERIFICATION PERIOD. A verification period shall be provided. Unofficial results should be posted. Participants should be given no more than 15 minutes to examine their test papers with official keys. Questions should be directed to the contest director, whose decision shall be final.
- (g) OFFICIAL RESULTS. After the verification period has ended and all test papers have been collected, the contest director shall announce the official results. Official results, once announced, are final.
- (h) RETURNING MATERIALS. No materials may be returned to contestants prior to official release dates as specified on the UIL website.