

Garageband Dance Party

SWBAT: create an simple elemental form using a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW)

Materials: Garageband on a laptop, Interactive White Board or a Projector and dongle, laptop with Garageband App

Activity:

1. Open the Garageband App and create a new project.
2. Select the voice icon and select "choose" in the lower right hand corner of the screen.
3. Title your garageband file and decide where to save your document.
4. Find the loop icon.



5. Choose a loop category and then in the window below choose a loop. (Consider finding a beat, percussion and melodic loop.)
6. When you find the loop you would like to use, drag the loop to the first track.
7. To lengthen the loop, move the mouse to the end of the loop on the track and when you see the mouse change to a loop icon, drag the loop to the measure desired.
8. Once all loops have been selected and dragged to their own tracks, you are ready to label the section.
9. Go to the "Track" menu at the top of the screen. Select "Show Arrangement Track".
10. Select the + button near the top of the garageband screen. Click on the word "untitled" and edit the title. (A Section)



11. Create a B section. (Consider using Beats, Percussion and Melodic)
12. Title the new section (see steps 9 and 10).
13. If creating an ABA form, highlight the track you would like to copy, move the garageband cursor to the new section and paste the track. Do this for each track you wish to copy.
14. Title the new section.
15. To play your piece, move the cursor to the beginning of the song and hit the play button at the bottom of the screen.

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To save the song as an mp3:

16. Select the "share" menu at the top of the screen.
17. Select "export song to disk". Make sure the MP3 Encoder is selected. Choose export.
18. Title and decide where to save this MP3 file.
19. Your piece can now be played in iTunes.
20. Consider putting this file in a dropbox or in Google Doc and create a link on your website so children can access their piece from home.