



Build a Melody from Three Notes

Goal: Explore how three notes can create different musical ideas.

Grades 1-8 | Basic worksheet

1 Choose Your Three Notes

Pick any three notes on your instrument. Write them on the staff below.

Note 1

Note 2

Note 3

2 Try Different Orders

Use the same three notes, but change their order. Try three versions, then circle the one you like best.

Version A

Version B

Version C

Circle your favorite version.

3 Give Your Idea a Rhythm

Keep your three notes, but try different rhythms. Create three versions below, then choose the one you like best.

Need an idea? Try these rhythm patterns:

Rhythm key: quarter half quaver (eighth note)

Pattern 1



(quarter - quarter - half)

Pattern 2



(half - quarter - quarter)

Pattern 3



(two eighth notes - quarter - half)

Pick one pattern, or make your own rhythm.

Version A

Version B

Version C

"If you begin to compose, work it out in your head." - Robert Schumann