

Music-inspired Art

An activity of "Why people have different tastes in music".

- 1) Read "Why people have different tastes in music" (page 26, *What's Up* February 2024). What are some things that have influenced your taste in music?

Wassily Kandinsky is known as one of the pioneers of abstract art. His art was very much inspired by music. Kandinsky made paintings using simple abstract shapes like the circle, square, and triangle. He compared art to music. His shapes looked like music notation and even seemed to dance around on the canvas.

- 2) Watch the following video to learn more about the life of Kandinsky from the reading of this storybook, *The Noisy Paint Box* by Barb Rosenstock

Art + Music #1 (Wassily Kandinsky)

➤ https://youtu.be/F8T4iyJiWzI?si=OTmRM_pvz_zyHRs8
Richard Shrieber (11 May 2020)

- 3) See how Kandinsky might have created his art in the following video:

Wassily Kandinsky Painting

➤ <https://youtu.be/Bc83deRcKMo?si=L07adDWz447Kf5pQ>
Bauhaus Movement (29 Oct 2017)

- 4) Choose a song you like. Draw some shapes that you think might suit the music. As the music plays, create the art simultaneously.

Here → is an example inspired by the song:

Dynamite (BTS)

➤ <https://youtu.be/gdZLi9oWNZg?si=yu-5U-n3hcuxAwK>
Hybe Labels (21 Aug 2020).

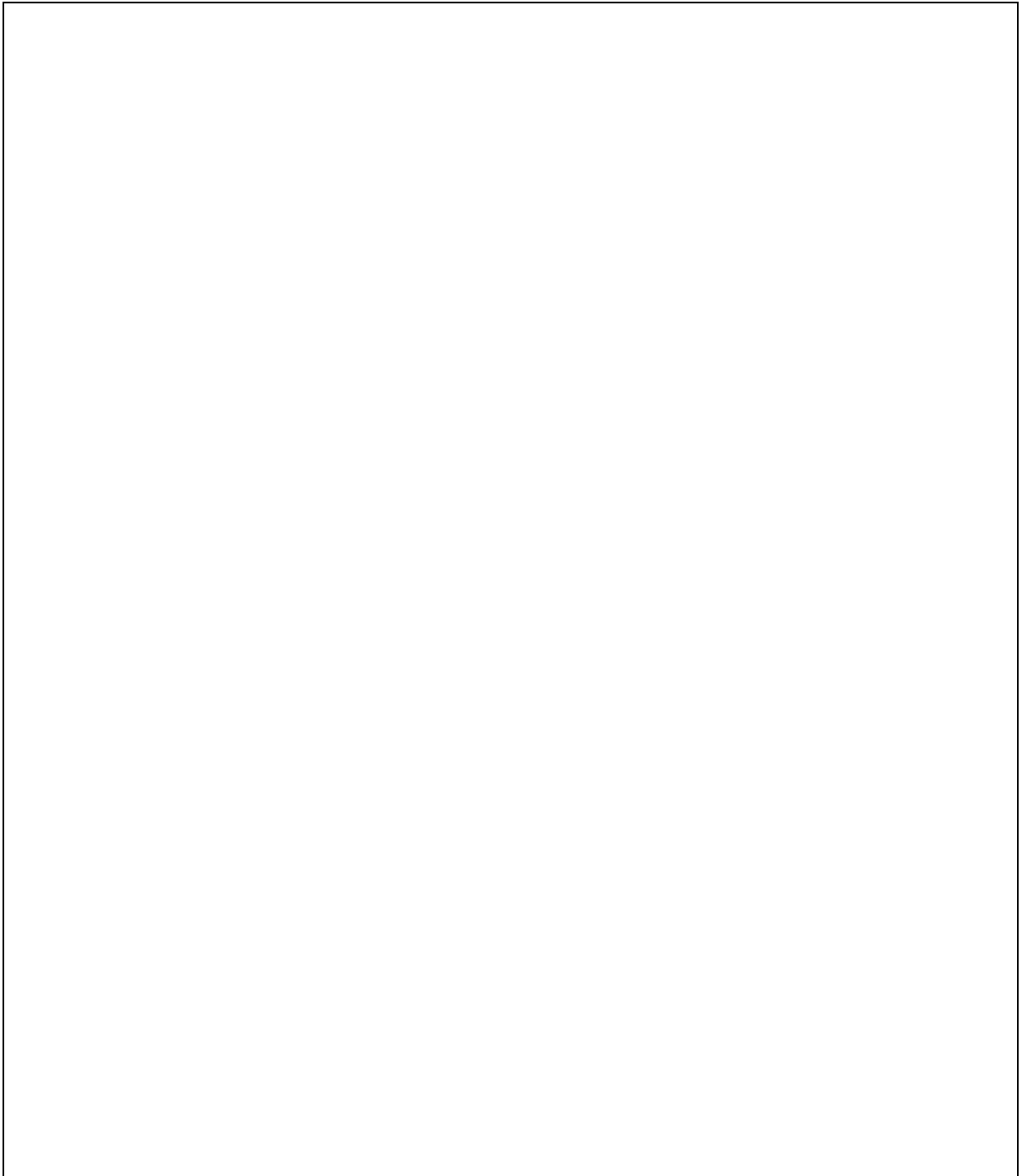
Can you see the moods of the singer in the artwork?



Now, try it out for yourself! You can ask yourself, “Are the notes short or long, fast or slow, dramatic or happy or sad?” Don’t think about the shapes too much. Just respond with your drawing materials to what you hear. And most importantly, have fun!

Title of Artwork: _____

Music it is inspired by: _____



5) Present your artwork to your classmates. See if they can guess what mood you are trying to convey through your art. Explain how your art was created in response to the music.