

Instrument of the Orchestra - Research

Name _____

Form _____

STRINGS

1. What kind of hair is the bow made from?
2. What is put on the bow to make the bow sticky?
3. How many strings are usually on the stringed instruments?
4. What makes the sound louder on the stringed instruments?
5. What do guitarists sometimes use to play the strings of the guitar?
6. How many strings are there on the guitar?
7. Which string instruments would you find in a string quartet?
8. How many violins are in a typical orchestra?
9. Name the stringed instruments in order from smallest to largest
10. How many strings are on the harp? How many pedals are on the harp?



BRASS

1. Name the four major brass instruments.
2. How do the valves work?
3. What horn was originally used for hunting?
4. What is the oldest brass instrument?
5. What does the trombone have that the other brass instruments don't?
6. What is the largest brass instrument?
7. What is the highest pitched brass instrument?
8. What is a "mute"? Describe how mutes are used on brass instruments and how this affects the sound.



WOODWIND

1. What are the two groups of woodwind instruments called?
2. What are the three members of the flute family?
3. Which is higher pitched, the piccolo or the flute?
4. To which instrument is the Cor Anglais related?
5. What two kind of reeds are there?
6. What is the name given to the lower pitch bassoon in the woodwind section?



PERCUSSION

1. Percussion instruments can be grouped into two categories - Pitched and un-pitched. What is the difference?
2. Name three pitched percussion instruments.
3. Name three un-pitched percussion instruments.
4. Is the piano a percussion instrument? Why?
5. Which type of drum is a pitched percussion instrument?

