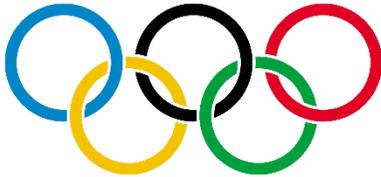




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SLSO At Home Learning *Olympic Fanfare and Theme*



The Olympics are an international sporting competition that showcases thousands of athletes from around the world competing in a variety of sporting events. There are a lot of similarities between Olympic athletes and professional musicians? Name three!

John Williams' [*Olympic Fanfare and Theme*](#) was originally written to celebrate the 1984 Olympic games. You can follow along on the listening map. After listening, describe how the music made you feel in each section (A = 0:00-1:00, B = 1:01-2:49, and C = 2:50-4:20). Does the music capture the excitement of the Olympics? If yes, how does it accomplish this?

John Williams described his composition as, "The spirit of cooperation, of heroic achievement, all the striving and preparation that go before the events and all the applause that comes after them." Do you think he achieved this in this musical composition?

Choose a favorite Olympic sport, like HOCKEY, and act out an exciting highlight from that sport. Experiment with acting out the highlight in real time (sudden movements) and in slow motion (sustained movement.)

Listen to John Williams' [*Olympic Fanfare and Theme*](#) and following the form outlined on the listening map complete the following:

- March during the A Section
- Perform your slow-motion sports highlight during the sustained B Section
- Then during the C Section have one-person march to the music while the other person continues to act out their slow-motion sports highlight.

At the end, discuss your experience using the following prompts:

- I value...
- I notice...
- I wonder...



DID YOU KNOW?

The theme song for the St. Louis Blues is *Oh When the Blues (Saints) Go Marching In*. The *Olympic Fanfare and Theme* is the theme song for the Olympics. What is a theme song? What other theme songs do you know?



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