

Teaching Tips Using Finale NotePad in Instrumental Music



Subject Area: Instrumental Music

Grade Range: 5-12

Materials Needed: Free Finale NotePad, Finale 2006, & SmartMusic

1. Before handing out assignment, be familiar with what NotePad can do and not do.
2. Before handing out assignment, analyze the music and determine what sections you *think* the student will choose to enter in NotePad. You might be surprised to find out what *you* think will be hard for them is different to what *they* think.
3. Create a step-by-step 'cheat sheet' for students to follow, easily creating a scoring guide for assessment and grading purposes.
4. Train all section leaders on NotePad and Finale 2006, so, in turn; they can train the underclassmen, therefore making your job easier.