

Rite of Spring

Listening Guide

1. What instrument starts the piece?
 - a. violin
 - b. cello
 - c. bassoon
 - d. trumpet
2. Can you identify the other instruments that play during the opening of the piece?
 - a. Strings (violin, cello)
 - b. Woodwinds (clarinet, oboe)
 - c. Brass (trumpet, trombone)
3. What is the speed of the opening?
 - a. fast and energetic
 - b. slow and reflective
4. Does the speed stay the same through the piece or does it change?
5. Does the opening theme (the very first notes of the piece) return later?
6. Describe the mood of the piece.
7. Does the piece make you think of a story? What is the story about?
8. What do you think of the piece?