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Getting Started

Activity 1: Holding the Violin in Banjo Position

- 1. Place the violin flat against your stomach.
- 2. Rest your right palm behind the bridge.
- 3. Hook your right thumb on the string closest to your nose.
- 4. Hold the bout of the violin with your left hand.
- 5. Raise the neck of the violin up slightly with your left hand.

Activity 2: Exploring the Open Strings

- 1. Pluck the G string (string closest to your nose) with your thumb.
- 2. Pluck the D string (second string down) with your thumb.
- 3. Pluck the A string (third string down) with your thumb.
- 4. Pluck the E string (string closest to the floor) with your thumb.
- 5. As directed by your teacher, pluck the D string four times, then the G string four times, then the A string four times.

Activity 3: Open String Echoes

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Listen as your teacher plucks the grey notes, then echo back with the black notes.

Activity 4: Open String Blues

Play all the notes of this tune on your own.







*Numbering corresponds to track numbers on the String Explorer CD.

Finger Tips

Activity 5: Placing Your Left Hand

- 1. Hold your left hand out as if to shake hands (A).
- 2. Put the neck of the violin on your hand (B).
- 3. Slide your hand out to the end of the neck (C and D).
- 4. Position the neck over the base joint of your first finger, just above the point where the finger meets the hand (D).

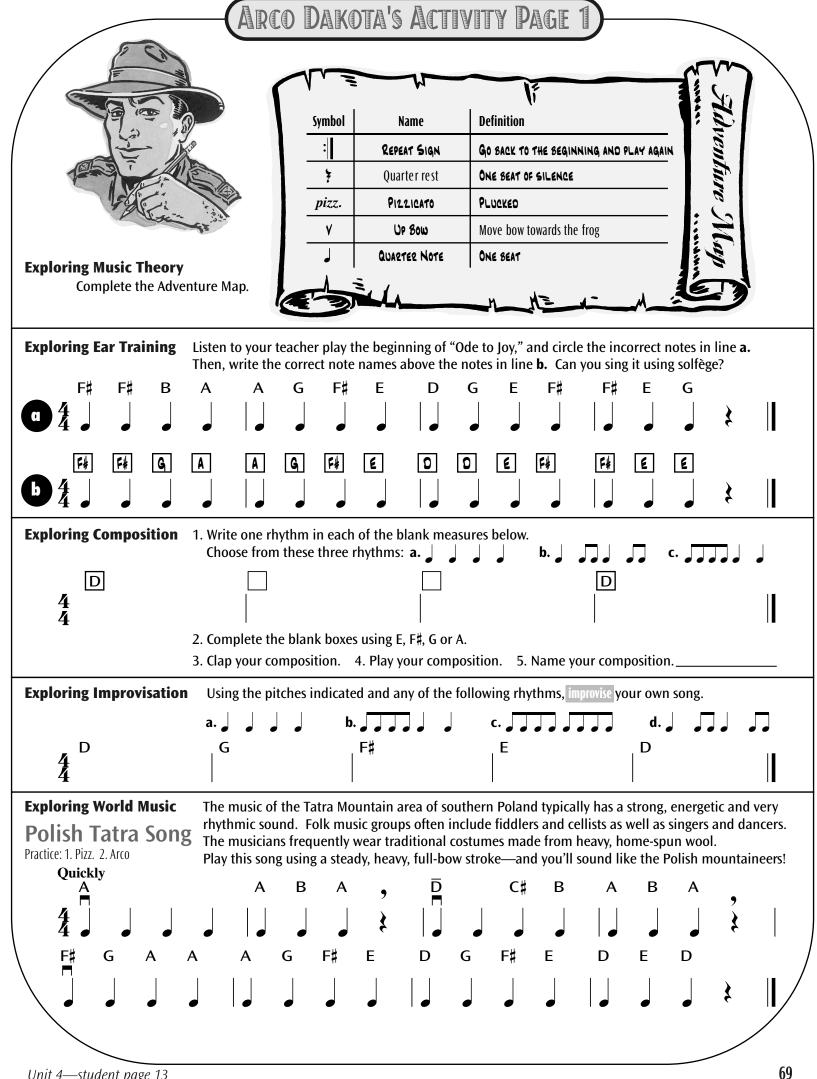








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