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Amazing Acronyms

An acronym is formed when each initial letter, or a small group of letters, make up the basis and meaning of a compound term. Each beginning letter stands for a specific word such as NASA which is an acronym for “National Aeronautics and Space Administration,” or DARE which stands for “Drug Abuse Resistance Education.”

Acronyms can be used as a learning tool for the retention of information. Most students know that FACE can be used to identify the space notes in the treble clef and that **EGBDF** “**E**very **G**ood **B**oy **D**eserves **F**udge,” or “**E**very **G**ood **B**oy **D**oes **F**ine,” or “**E**mpy **G**arbage **B**efore **D**ad **F**lips,” or “**E**lvis’s **G**uitar **B**roke **D**own **F**riday” are acronyms for the lines in the treble clef. Examples of the acronym, **ACEG**, used to remember the letter names in the bass clef, include “**A**ll **C**ars **E**at **G**as” or “**A**ll **C**ows **E**at **G**ass.” Popular acronyms for the lines of the bass clef, **GBDFA**, include “**G**ood **B**oys **D**o **F**ine **A**lways,” or “**G**irls **B**uy **D**onuts **F**riday **A**fternoon.” On the back of this paper, create your own unique music staff acronyms. Remember, the choices must be in these patterns:

(Treble Clef Lines): **E G B D F**

(Treble Clef Spaces): **F A C E**

(Bass Clef Lines): **G B D F A**

(Bass Clef Spaces): **A C E G**

Brahms' Story Starter



You are a reporter for a local news office. Listed below are facts about a famous composer named Johannes Brahms. Use these facts to finish the story on the next page. Please use correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation in your story, which includes at least five of the following facts:

- His father discovered at a young age that Brahms was gifted at playing the piano.
- Brahms started composing (writing) music at age twelve.
- In 1853, he met Robert and Clara Schumann (both well known musicians at the time) who thought he was a musical genius. Robert sent Brahms to Leipzig where he found two publishers to promote his work and met another great musician/composer named Hector Berlioz.
- In 1862, Brahms moved to Vienna where he lived for the rest of his life.
- Brahms wrote a large variety of music including several symphonies, piano concertos, two volumes of Hungarian Dances, waltzes, rhapsodies and chamber music.
- Brahms never got married.
- Brahms' clothes were always clean, but outdated.
- The composer only had a few close friends.
- Brahms died when he was 64, on April 3, 1897.