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Season 4, Episode 20 Stars and Moonlight/The Mystery of the Eaten Candy



What's This Activity About?

Using music to inspire characters.

What Stuff Do I Need?

Paper and something to draw and write



In the story "Stars and Moonlight" by a 9 year old from Texas named Palmer, two sisters can't stop arguing because they have different taste in music. Cece is a ballerina who likes music that sounds "like a bright and shiny jewel," while Judy was a pop star who likes music, "when it's belted in front of a crowd."



Music can be a great way to inspire ideas for different characters! You could start by imagining Cece and Judy in more detail. Take a look at the:



Character Themes Playlist



For Cece the ballerina, play the track "Spring" from Vivaldi's Four Seasons (it's not ballet, but to us it sounds like a "bright and shiny jewel.) As you listen to the music take a look at the "Drawing What You Hear" sheet, which will give you tips for how to use music to help you draw a character. Imagine what you think Cece looks like, and draw your own version of her as you listen!



For Judy the pop star, try "I'm Coming Out by Diana Ross, or just choose your own pop song. While you listen to the music, draw what you think Judy looks like.

Now, draw your own characters, inspired by some tunes! Choose any song you want (from our playlist, or from any other music you like). Listen to it, and dream up what sort of character might have this song as their theme song. Are they energetic? Calm? Angry? Proud? How do they walk or move? Can you picture a scene in your mind? Try to base your answers on the sounds you hear, and then start drawing that character!



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