# Contents

Composing with Time Signatures	. 16
Time Signature Composition Challenge 1	. 17
Time Signature Composition Challenge 2	. 18
Pick the Time Signature	. 19
Composer Supplies	. 20
Alligator Beats	. 21
Zebras, Giraffes, and Pitches—Oh My!	. 22
Sixteenth Notes	. 23
Rhythm Matchup	. 24
Eighth Note Wonder	. 25
Dots Mean a Lot!	. 26
Count Those Rhythms	. 27
Answer Keys	. 28

# From the Author

Students need all kinds of rhythm practice to get really good at reading rhythms. One great way is to practice drawing rhythms. But it can take a lot of time to think of fun ways to have kids draw a quarter note again and again and again. This book is here to help you over that planning hurdle.

The activities in this book move sequentially, so if you started at the beginning and went in order throughout the year, your students would get some practice with each new concept before moving on to the next. Or you may want to pull an activity from the first few pages for your beginning students, and one from the end of the book to give your more advanced students some extra practice.

While they can be used as quiet activities, all of these pages are meant to make some noise! Have students work individually to practice their rhythms, and then perform them for the class. For activities that have only one answer, have students perform their rhythms as a class so you can listen for the ones who may need extra help.

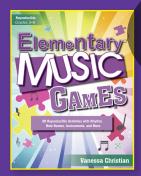
Any way you slice it, this time-saving book is packed with great practice activities to use with your young rhythm learners. I hope you enjoy!

Erika Popp

## **About This Book**

Reinforce rhythmic skills with these reproducible activity pages. Each one gives a brief review of a concept, then assesses a student's understanding with a pencil-and-paper activity. Young musicians will practice drawing rhythms, creating rhythmic patterns, using time signatures, and creating their own rhythmic compositions. Use them for quick assessments or rhythm practice, and save yourself valuable planning time!

# Also Available



### **Elementary Music Games**

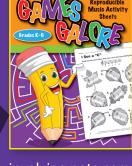
20 Reproducible Activities with Rhythm, Note Names, Instruments, and More

#### Vanessa Christian

Grades 3-6 • Whenever you need a quick activity, you can reach for this fun resource. With these music game pages, students will practice rhythms, note names, dynamics, music

vocabulary, and more. You can use them as educational time-fillers or substitute plans to reinforce a concept you've covered in class.

75/1051H



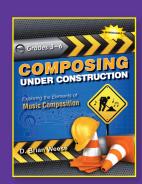
### **Games Galore**

Reproducible Music Activity Sheets

Grades K–6 • Reinforcing music skills is a breeze with these reproducible pages. Use them with your substitute lessons plans, as an activity for your students while you rehearse with a small group, or even with the whole class. Each page is a quick, fun activity

involving note names, rhythms, music vocabulary words,

75/1047H



## Composing **Under Construction**

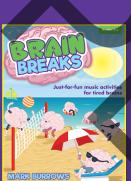
Exploring the Elements of Music Composition

#### D. Brian Weese

Grades 3–6 • Teaching composition is easy and engaging with this stepby-step workbook that guides your students through writing notes,

analyzing music, and composing their own. It begins with simple notation practice, and by the last page, students will be composing six-measure melodies using a variety of notes and pitches. This book is especially effective in classrooms using the recorder, but flexible enough that students' compositions can be played on any pitched instrument you choose.

75/1050H



## Brain Breaks

Just-for-fun music activities for tired brains

#### **Mark Burrows**

Grades 3–6 • Give it a rest, with this entertaining book of reproducible activities to rejuvenate tired brains. There is music in every page, but it's presented in an amusing way

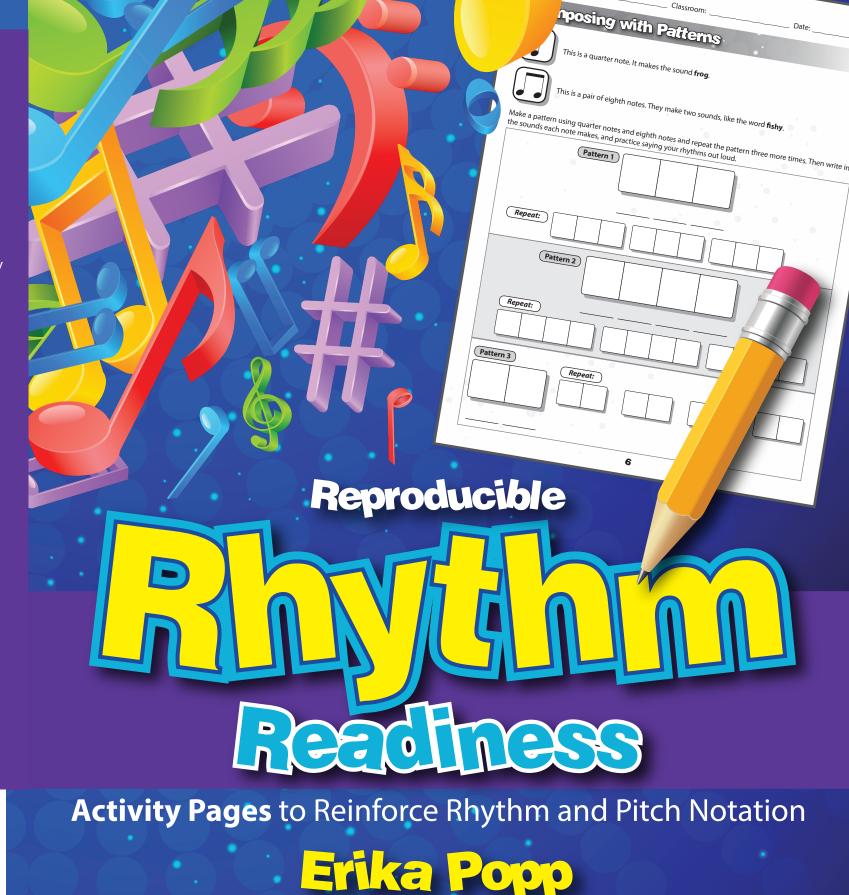
that engages students without adding to test anxiety and academic fatigue. Teachers and students will laugh together at the clever jokes, and their rested brains will be ready to tackle learning again after enjoying a much-needed "brain break."

75/1022H

ISBN 978-0-7877-5817-2



75/1055H



**Grades** 2-6









\$17.95