



## Pictures You Can Hear: Playground MUSSORGSKY "Tuileries" from *Pictures at an Exhibition*

### CLASS ACTIVITY: Draw What You Hear

#### OVERVIEW

In this activity, students will explore how music can create a picture in our minds, and work to identify themes in music.

**MATERIALS:** Paper (2 pieces per student), crayons, markers, colored pencils

**SPACE CONSIDERATIONS:** Students will need a desk or other hard surface to draw on.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

In "Pictures You Can Hear: Playground," Buddy explains that you can hear two different musical themes when the children at the park are playing (or arguing?), and when they are resting. First, have students listen to "Tuileries" from *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and raise their hand when they can hear the music change from the children playing/arguing to resting.

Next, the students will draw two different pictures inspired by what they hear when they listen to the piece. One picture should feature children playing (or arguing?), and the other should feature children resting.

Divide students into partners and play the piece again. This time as students listen, they will guess which of their partner's pictures matches which musical theme and discuss. If time, have students change partners and repeat.