



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Back It Up! HAYDN *Menuetto al rovescio* from Piano Sonata in A Major, Hob. XVI:26

### WHAT IS A MINUET?



The minuet is a type of dance most popular in France and England in the 17th century. Like a waltz, a minuet is typically in **triple meter**, or beat groupings of 3. The minuet was often performed in royal palaces, especially loved by King Louis XVI of France.

Let's watch a [video](#) of a group of dancers performing a minuet!

Describe the music Buddy plays. Is it choppy or smooth? Cheerful or sad?

---

---

What does this music make you feel? Does it makes you want to get up and dance? Why?

---

---

This music is written in triple meter, or beat groupings of 3. Can you feel the music in 3? Count along with Buddy!

### LET'S TRY!

Start counting out loud to 3 at a steady pace, and clap along to help feel the beat.

Now take a big step forward every time you say "1," and stand in place for counts 2 and 3.

**1 2 3**      **1 2 3**      **1 2 3**  
**STEP!**      **STEP!**      **STEP!**

You can also shout "1" and whisper "2 - 3" while you do this. Chances are, you will start doing one or both of those things automatically as you start to feel the pulse of the music!