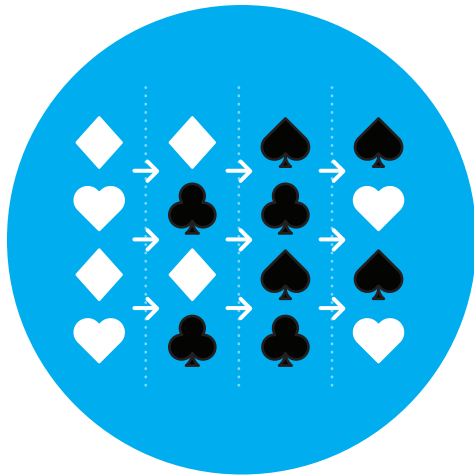

What is Minimalist Music?

John Adams is a minimalist composer, but what does that mean? Minimalist music is about small things like a simple pattern, rhythm, or melody that is repeated. One way to understand minimalist techniques is to see them represented visually.

PATTERN & CHANGE

Minimalist music uses lots of patterns that repeat. Patterns change, sometimes slowly and sometimes fast, into other patterns.



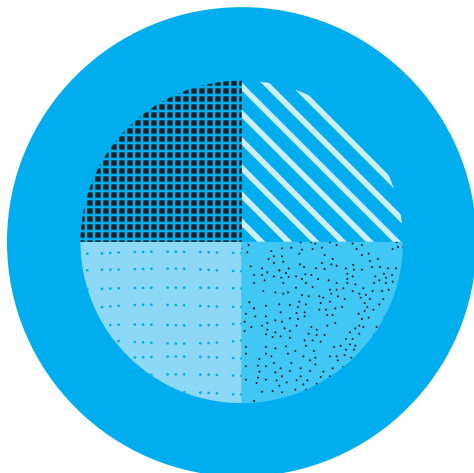
RHYTHM

Many patterns have different rhythms, so you'll hear multiple patterns happening at the same time.



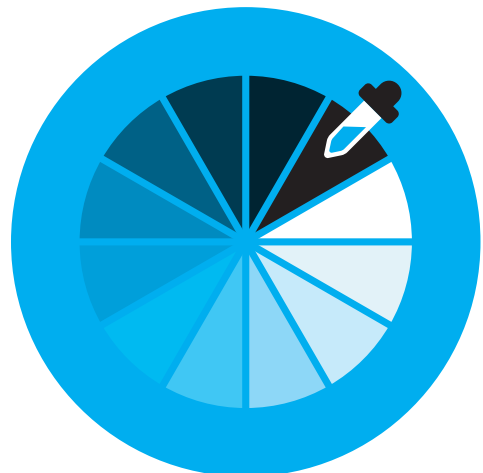
TEXTURES

Music can be heavy and dense, with many instruments playing at once, or it can be light with only a few instruments playing a simple melody. Music has different textures.



COLOR

Each instrument has its own unique sound. Sound can be like color. In minimalist music, the patterns repeated by different instruments create a range of colors.



What is Minimalist Music? (cont.)

Now that you have learned more about minimalism, find these vocabulary words in the word search below.

MINIMALISM

JOHN ADAMS

GRAND PIANOLA

PATTERN

CHANGE

RHYTHM

TEXTURE

COLOR

SIMPLE

REPETITION

SOUND

H M P C V I J O H N A D A M S

X S I M P L E C O L O R X I P

G L R E A R U X R A P T X Y U

Y K Q X Z D X N L R M G M E M

S L A L O N A I P D N A R G G

P R T E X T U R E A G I G N N

F S O U N D O W G C T W N A M

M R E P E T I T I O N T T H I

V A V Z S C M H T Y H R E C M

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