

Tchaikovsky Unit

E1

Days 1-3

Listen to Tchaikovsky Discovers America CD using the discussion guide to talk about each scene. (Make sure that you listen to the 1812 Overture and count the cannon shots!)

Days 4-5

Watch highlights from The Nutcracker Ballet video. The highlights I would recommend are: opening presents, the mouse war, going to the kingdom of sweets, and the dances from all of the countries.

Day 6

Read about Tchaikovsky's life as a young child from the book Famous Children Tchaikovsky.

Days 7-8-9

Watch condensed version of Swan Lake video. Then begin individual portraits of Mr. Tchaikovsky using template. (Word find if finished early.)

Day 10

Listen to various Tchaikovsky pieces and describe the music using music analysis form. Suggested pieces are: Arabian Dance, Swan Lake Overture, 1812 Overture, Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.