

Mexican March (Cullen)

What does the title mean?

Mexican is anything related to the country Mexico. This piece sounds Mexican because of its harmonized 3rds, ascending/descending step melody. It is a march because it is in 4/4 time and has dotted rhythms.

What key is this in?

A minor but begins in C major

Notation:

time signature - 4/4 - simple quadruple time - 4 crotchet beats per bar

moderato - moderate speed

metronome marking - 112 crotchets per minute

f - forte - loud

staccato - short and detached

marcato accent > - play the note loudly

martellato accent ^ - hammered accent - strong accent

p - piano - soft

crescendo - gradually getting louder

ff - fortissimo - very loud

slur - play the notes smoothly

mf - mezzo forte - moderately loud

Need to be able to say pitch names and durations, clefs, stave, bar lines

Basic posture:

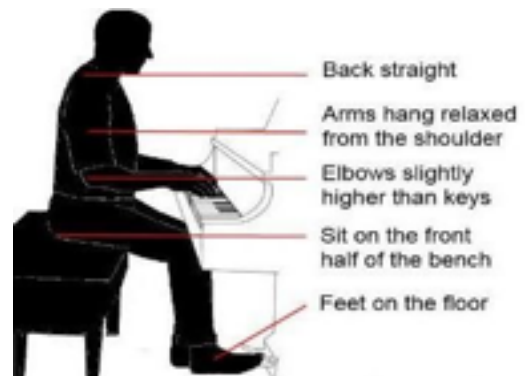
Sit upright

Elbows above keys

Knees just under piano

Wrists 'up'

Stable finger joints



Piano - need to know:

White keys, black keys

Keybed

Pedals

Left pedal - Una corda (one string/mute pedal);

Middle pedal - Sostenuto pedal - sustains single notes

Right pedal - Damper pedal (sustain pedal, removes dampers from strings)

Piano strings

Hammer

Frame

Soundboard

Piano maintenance - tuning

General Upright Construction

