

Cresskill Middle School Improvisation - Part 1

Alto Clef Instruments

Bb Blues

JJVJ

Concert Bb Blues Scale

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The Blues is a 12 bar form which is broken into 3 phrases, each including 4 measures. Slash Marks (/) indicate beats. Each measure has 4 beats of music in which to improvise during.

9 Bb7 Eb7 Bb7 Bb7

13 Eb7 Eb7 Bb7 Bb7

17 Cm7 Cm7 Bb7 F7

You can use the notes from the blues scale to create a melody.

The act of spontaneously creating melodies is called "Improvisation."

Below are some sample rhythms that you can use to improvise in a swing style.

21 A B C D

25 E F G H