**Elements of Music**

Melody - the horizontal sequence of the "highs" and "lows" in a song; the main idea

Harmony - the vertical chordal structure of a composition (the leftover highs and lows that are not melody); the setting

Rhythm - the duration of notes; counts per beat

Form - the shape of a composition; the order of the melodies

Beat - the basic pulse of a composition

Meter - the basic grouping of beats

Color - the resulting sound derived by the use of certain instruments in a song

Tempo - the speed at which the beats go by; fast/slow

Dynamics - the volume; the "loudest" and "softest" in a composition

Pitch - the "highness" or "lowness" of a given note