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ACTIVITY ONE: Analyzing Sheet Music for Barbershop Arrangements

The original sheet music is provided for seven songs. The assignment is to determine which ones would make good arrangements, to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the song, to determine if it should be a ballad or uptune, to determine the key, and to determine the form/composition, etc.

ACTIVITY TWO: Form and Analysis

A list of published arrangements is provided as models of successful, competitive arranging. Identify, through form and analysis skills, those characteristics that contribute to the success in the performance of that arrangement. To complete the assignment you will need to provide your own materials. Select 6-12 of the suggested arrangements. All are published by Sweet Adelines International.

ACTIVITY THREE: Identifying Arranging Problems

Four arrangements are provided that include weak lead lines, incorrect implied harmony, and/or ineffective arranging devices. Identify the weak areas and rearrange the various portions of the songs.

ACTIVITY FOUR: Analyzing Performances

A CD is provided that contains performances of five different arrangements. An analysis is provided of the first performance on the CD for use as a model. After listening to After listening to the remaining four performances, analyze each performance on the stated criteria.

ACTIVITY FIVE: Arranging

Select a song and arrange it.

RESOURCES

Where can I find music to arrange?

Resource list of arrangers willing to "mentor by mail" for the Arranger Education Home Study Course.









