

The Nature of Music
Seminar Preparation and Paper Prompt
2015 Fall Quarter - Week 6

Play Twenty Questions
(Tharp, 176-177)

Reread Tharp's "Play Twenty Questions" exercise found on pages 176-177. Write down twenty things you want to know about the project you are preparing for our week 9 program performance. Be as specific as possible about how you will use your project to explore and deepen your understanding of musical elements (rhythm, melody, harmony, texture, form). Consider aspects of phrasing and musical architecture that result in more satisfying connection with audience and the questions that will help you get closer to achieving this connection. While considering how you convey lyrics is an important aspect of preparing for performance, for this exercise, keep your focus on the musical, rather than textual, elements.

Questions should be typed.