

Garageband (iPad) Composition Guidelines

Create a unique composition in Garageband on the iPad. **This creation should be for a song/commercial/jingle/audio story on a topic of your choice.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4E-YmRWbfc> (GarageBand on iPad Tutorial)

Things to include in your creation are:

- After you explore Garageband and try things out, you should write a plan of what you want to do.
- It must be at least 24 measures long but can be longer if you need it.
- You must have at least 5 different tracks included in your creation.
- One track must be your voice either singing, speaking, or doing sound effects which can make use of the voice sampler if you wish.
- At least one tracks must be of you playing a NON smart instrument (i.e. drums, piano, or guitar).
- Up to 3 tracks may be recorded from the Smart Instruments.
- Make sure you name your file as your name.
- Your iPad must have a piece of tape with your name on it before you leave so we can find your work each day you work on it.

Suggestions to get you started:

- 1) Plan what you are going to do. This includes what your voice will be doing in one of your tracks. What is your commercial for and how will you get people to want what you're advertising.
- 2) Think of which instruments you would like to use and make sure they work well together for the purpose of your commercial.
- 3) Spend time editing your work. Not all tracks need to start at the beginning and play for the entire time. You can layer your work so that certain things begin at different times as long as it makes sense and you like how it sounds.
- 4) Look at your work critically. Don't say...*"I can't do this."* or *"I suck at this."* Try some things and listen back to it. If you don't like it, then try something else. Have someone else listen to it and give you **constructive** feedback.
- 5) When you are ready to record your voice part, you can use one of the side rooms or find a quiet area in the hallway just outside the music room.