



## Sound Of Music: Solfege

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

You probably have heard a famous song from Rodgers and Hammerstein's Musical *The Sound Of Music*. It is called *Do-Re-Mi*, and it features another good system for learning how to read musical notes. This technique is called *solfege*. It was developed by Guido d'Arezzo in the 11<sup>th</sup> century and has been used all over the world to help people read music. It is a way of putting a syllable to a pitch of sound. In solfege, every note of the scale is given its own unique syllable, which is used to sing that note every time it appears. It is a traditional and very effective way to teach the concept of intervals (how far apart notes are from one another) and the sound of each note of the scale. It helps build an understanding of how to pitch notes and know how they should sound.

Instructions:

- 1) View this Instructional Video: Solfege <https://youtu.be/gUefwkek5ho> [3 minutes]
- 2) See the excerpt from the original movie for context: "Do-Re-Mi" – The Sound Of Music <https://youtu.be/drnBMAEA3AM> [3 minutes]
- 3) Using the guides at the top of this page, write the letter names of the notes above the notes and the solfege syllables below the notes.

The Sound Of Music

Do-Re-Mi

Rodgers & Hammerstein

C D E

Do Re Mi

Doe a deer a female deer Ray a drop of golden sun Me a name I

F G A B C

Fa Sol La Ti Do

call my - self Far a long long way to run

- 4) Answer this question: What do you think of when you think of the sound of music?

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5. Upload this sheet and email it to [jtrent@smtschool.net](mailto:jtrent@smtschool.net) or to Seesaw [Grade 2].