

# Think Like an Arranger!

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## Directions:

Arrangers, like composers, make a number of musical decisions when creating a new arrangement of an existing piece of music. Some arrangements are extremely faithful to the original song, while others use wildly different instrumentation, tempo, or musical styles to change the sound and feeling of a song. Three of my favorite groups that specialize in covers are **Postmodern Jukebox** (period jazz covers of contemporary pop songs), **Walk Off the Earth** (uses really unusual instrument combinations and techniques), and **Pomplamoose** (uses a wide variety of pop musical styles). All three can be easily found on YouTube.

Listen to an original song, then the cover version. Take notes about the similarities and differences between the two versions. Lastly, tell us a little about how YOU might choose to arrange this song!

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Song Title:		
Recording Artist:	Original	Cover
YouTube Link:		
Name three ways that the cover is similar to the original:	1. 2. 3.	
Name three ways that the cover is different from the original:	1. 2. 3.	
Tell us a little bit about what YOUR arrangement of this song might sound like:	Instrumentation:  Musical Style:  Tempo:	