## MARKING YOUR MUSIC

Mark your music and play with fewer mistakes.

- Be Neat!
- Always use a pencil! (Red pencils are best.) Never use a pen.
- Make your marks bold and bright.

## REMINDERS for MARKING your MUSIC

- \*(Circle)time signatures.
- \*(Circle) key signatures and, if needed, draw flats, naturals, &/or sharps in front of the first few notes affected the key.
- \* For rhythms that give you difficulty, write the counting under the notes &/or write slashes above the notes that are played on each beat.
- \* If you play a note wrong more than once, don't keep making that same mistake. Mark the note (above, below, or on the left side of the note) with a flat, natural, sharp, or the letter name above the note.
- \* Use a music glossary or music dictionary to look up definitions of musical terms you don't know.

- \* Draw eye glasses (60) to identify spots where you need to pay close attention. Look! Watch!
- \* Draw a check mark ( 🖊 ) or a star ( 🛪 ) to identify measures/sections that need more practice.
- \* Draw a question mark (?) to identify measures/sections where you have questions and/or need extra help.
- \* Draw a straight (solid line) arrow through the music to help you with a D.C., D.S., long repeat, etc. Use a straight (dashed-line) arrow when going down the page (2<sup>nd</sup> ending, trio, Coda).
- \* Draw a bold & bright red line in front of the first ending to remind you to make a decision about which ending to play.

## REHEARSAL MARKS

Flat -

Sharp - #

Natural - 4

Bring out - BO

Turn page, quickly

Breath mark -

Give note full value (tenuto) (line over or under note head)

Look! Watch! -

Practice this more. - V or

I don't understand this. Help!

Go to

(use for D.C., D.S., long repeat, etc.)

(use for 2<sup>nd</sup> ending, trio, Coda, etc.)