Beethoven Scavenger Hunt

Watch Leonard Bernstein conduct the Vienna Philharmonic (begins at 6:50)

We made a list of important moments during the video and put them in order. Have students mark when they see each item as they listen and watch the YouTube video. Or, if you’re doing this activity as a class, have the class come up with a signal or movement that they can use to show you when they think they’ve found each item on the list!

Review each item on the list before beginning this activity so students know what to expect. It goes by quickly!

1. The String Family
2. Conductor Leonard Bernstein shrugging his shoulders and bouncing up and down
3. Four French horn players
4. A cello
5. Timpani mallets
6. A clarinet
7. The full symphony orchestra
8. Clarinets and Bassoons
9. Conductor Leonard Bernstein smiling
10. Four trumpets (notice anything strange about them?)
11. (CHALLENGE!) A contrabassoon
12. A piccolo
13. A piccolo playing a long trill
14. An accelerando
15. Conductor Leonard Bernstein smiling again

What else did you notice? Either write down or remember something else that you noticed or have a question about while you watch the video: