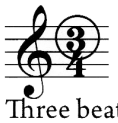
Time Signature

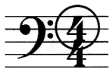
The **Time Signature** is a symbol that appears at the beginning of the staff just after the clef. It is made up of two numbers placed one above the other.

The upper number indicates how many beats are allowed in each measure.

Two beats (per measure)



Three beats (per measure)



Four beats (per measure)

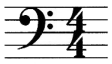
The lower number indicates what type of note receives one beat. For now, the bottom number will be 4, indicating that a quarter note (♩) receives one beat.

Hint: Think of fractions.
$\frac{1}{4}$ = one quarter

The quarter note gets one beat.

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

1. In this time signature:



a) How many beats are allowed in each measure? _____

b) What type of note receives one beat? _____

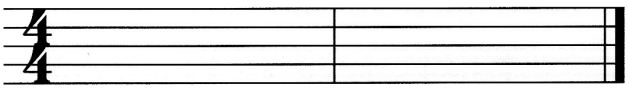
2. In this time signature:

a) How many beats does one quarter note get? _____

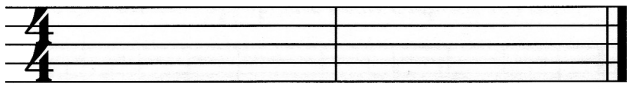
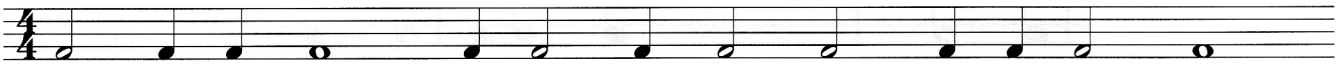
b) How many beats does one half note get? _____

c) How many beats does one whole note get? _____

3. Fill in both measures with the correct number of quarter notes in the bottom space.



4. Fill in both measures with the correct number of half notes in the bottom space.



5. Draw bar lines on the following staff so that there are the correct number of beats in each measure. Be sure to draw a final bar line at the end of the music.