BAND / EXPRESSION

Dynamics Detective

Name: _____ Date: _____

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3. Write the meaning of mp.

4. Write the meaning of mf.

5. Write the meaning of f.

6. Write the meaning of ff.

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ANSWER KEY

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1. Write the meaning of pp.

   Very soft.

2. Write the meaning of p.

   Soft.

3. Write the meaning of mp.

   Moderately soft.

4. Write the meaning of mf.

   Moderately loud.

5. Write the meaning of f.

   Loud.

6. Write the meaning of ff.

   Very loud.

7. Your part changes from p to f over four measures with a crescendo. Describe the change.

   Gradually become louder, moving from soft toward loud.

8. Your part says decrescendo. Should your volume increase or decrease gradually?

   Decrease gradually; become softer.

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