

A MUSIC AND ART PROJECT EDVARD GRIEG – HALL OF THE MOUNTAIN KING

1. Listen to a performance of the music – try the [BBC Ten Pieces](#)
2. Read the story behind the music (below)
3. Create a picture or series of pictures that tell the story
4. Send a photo of your picture(s) as a JPEG to:
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DEADLINE – Monday 22nd June

Your pictures will be used in the new video recording of the York Youth Orchestra playing their version of the music.

PEER GYNT'S ADVENTURES AND THE HALL OF THE MOUNTAIN KING

Once there was a young man named Peer Gynt who lived far away in Norway. One day he decided to leave his village and set out on a long journey to discover the world. Along the way he had many adventures.

One day Peer Gynt arrived at the hall of the Mountain King. The Mountain King was a very scary and ugly Troll. Quickly, Peer was surrounded by many ugly trolls, captured and taken before the Mountain King. Although, at first, the king was not happy to have an intruder in his kingdom, the king decided that he liked Peer Gynt and suggested that Peer could marry his daughter – the Troll Princess. However, the Mountain King told Peer that he would have to become a troll to marry his daughter.

Later that night, when he was alone in the damp dark caves of the Mountain King's home, Peer began to think about the king's plan. He decided he did not want to become a troll.

But now he had a problem. How could he say "No" to the king without making him really mad.

He decided he had better sneak out of the mountain right away while it was still dark. Peer tip-toed through the halls of the mountains very quietly but unfortunately there were troll guards along the way who heard him. A furious chase began as Peer frantically tried to escape. Peer ran and ran as fast as he could but there were trolls everywhere and they began to surround Peer. He was sure he was going to be captured and turned to face them, but Peer Gynt was too quick for the big, slow trolls and luckily escaped from the Hall of the Mountain King.

Now you know the story and the music, draw a picture – or a series of pictures – showing Peer Gynt, the mountain caves and the scary, ugly trolls.

Maybe your picture shows Peer first being captured and taken to the Mountain King.

Maybe it shows the final chase when Peer is trying to escape, pursued by all the trolls.

Are the caves big or small – light or dark?

Do the trolls look friendly or scary – happy or cross?

What does the Mountain King look like? What does his daughter look like?

Make your pictures big and bold.

HAVE FUN