

Music Notation

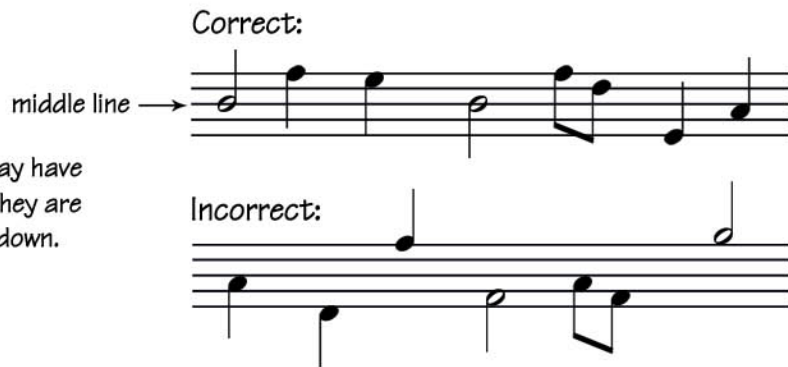
Drawing Notes

Stems

Stems are thin vertical lines attached to the side of note-heads. Together with flags, beams and dots, they define the length of a note.

Stems attached to individual notes located above the middle line go down and are attached to the left side of the note-head.

Stems attached to individual notes located below the middle line go up and are attached to the right side of the note-head.



Notes located on the middle line may have stems that go either up or down. They are more commonly drawn with stems down.

Stem Length

Stems are one octave in length.



Stem Length in Ledger Lines

Stems attached to notes located on the second ledger line above the staff or higher must be drawn so that they extend down to, and contact, the middle line of the staff.

In the same way, stems attached to notes located on the second ledger line below the staff or lower must also extend up to, and contact, the middle line.

