

Faculty Resource for *The Soloist*

String Instrument Basics

Nathaniel Ayers's relationship with musical instruments (and especially string instruments) may be an entirely foreign concept for many students. A brief introduction may help to engage student interest and curiosity.

1. An excellent and brief introduction to strings and audio clips of string instruments may be found at:

<http://www.artsalive.ca/en/mus/instrumentlab/strings.html>

2. Although designed as an activity for children, making a string instrument could actually enhance students' interest in the text.

For instructions on how to make a simple version of a string instrument, go to:

http://www.artsedge.kennedy-center.org/content/3345/3345_stringsscience_procedural.pdf