STUDENT ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Drum Beats Project

Assignment:

Create an eight-measure drum beat using at least three separate drum tracks. Follow these guidelines:

Record in "real time."

You do not need to record in one pass.

You can record in sections.

If you make a mistake, stop, edit out the mistake, and continue where you left off.

You cannot record a few measures and then cut and paste.

You cannot loop measures.

Two tracks must be playing simultaneously for all eight measures, but they don't have to be the same two tracks.

Procedure:

1. Create a new file: File > New and name the file "My Beat _ _" (your initials).
2. Create three new software instrument tracks.
3. Choose any drum sounds you would like for your three tracks.
4. Set the metronome to 80–95.
5. You *must* record as close to the click as possible. You can speed up the tempo to play back your piece.
6. Record one part per track.
7. Quantize before you record anything else.
8. Go back and record a second part on the second, separate track.
9. Quantize before you record anything else.
10. Go back and add other percussion instruments or other drums, as you like, on a third, separate track.
11. Quantize.