General Music
Garage Band
Assignment 1
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1. Open Garage Band. The icon looks like a guitar. In the project browser choose "Loops". Rename the file "Your Last Names Project 1" and save it on the desktop.
2. In the loop browser, choose "All Drums" in order to only hear drum beats. At the bottom, you can preview the different beats by clicking on them. There are two different kinds – Audio samples (blue) and Midi Loops (green). Samples are prerecorded audio. They cannot be altered. Midi Loops are like a tiny bit of sheet music that tells the computer what drum sounds to play. They can be altered.
3. To add a loop to your project, simply grab the icon with the mouse and drag it into the tracks window. It will automatically create a new track. You can add different loops to the same track or create a new track for each loop that you add. Warning – if you drag a midi (green) loop into a preexisting audio (blue) track, it will convert the midi to audio and you won't be able to manipulate it further.
4. You can copy and paste loops just like in a word processing program. To do this select the loop and then use command C to copy and command V to paste. You can also drag loops back and forth along the timeline once you have entered them into a track. Finally, to repeat a loop, place the cursor on the upper right corner of the loop and drag to the right. This will make the loop continue for however many measures you would like.
5. Today you are going to create a project that uses four different loops – 2 audio and 2 midi of your choice. Use each loop for at least 8 measures. Make sure that the loop starts at the beginning of a measure and not in the middle. Also make sure that the sections start right after each other with no gaps in between. Finally, change the tempo to something other than 120.