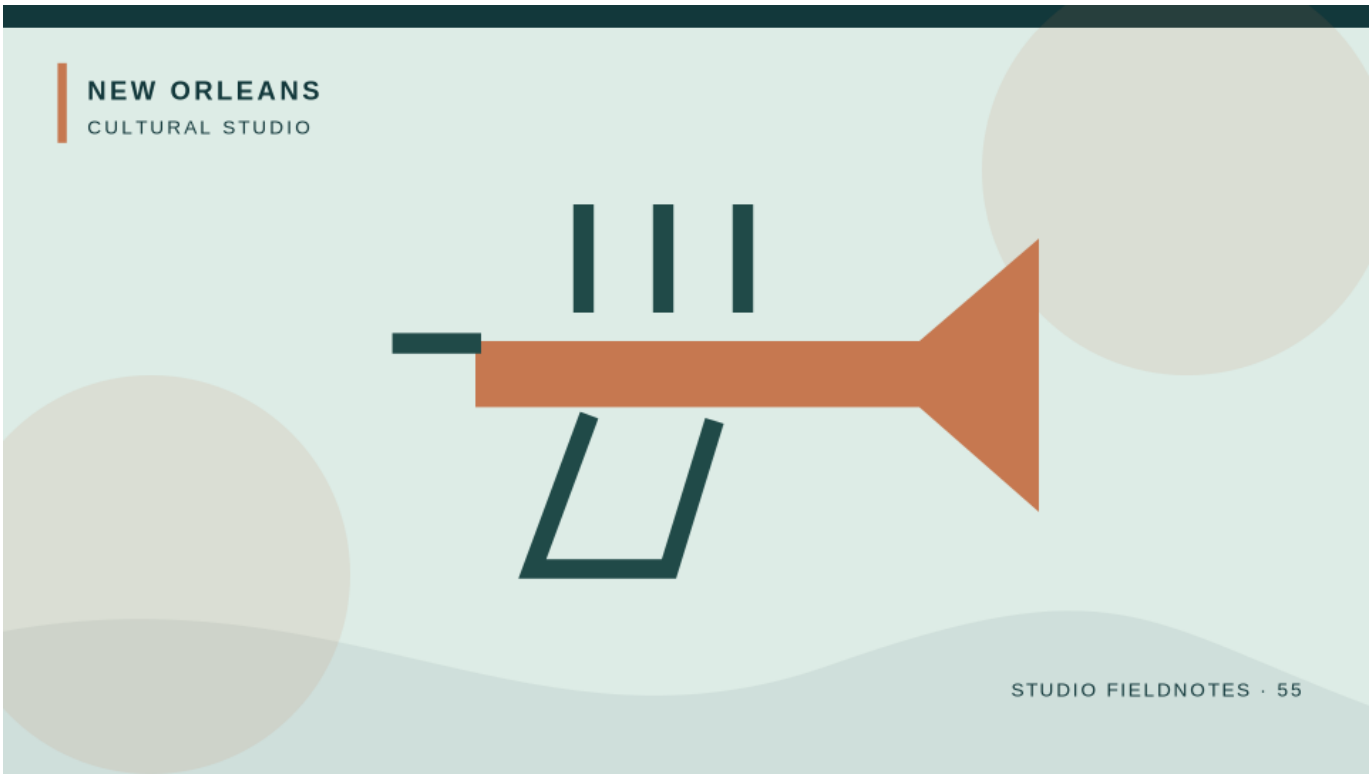
Horn Lines and Jazz Shapes

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Your challenge

Listen to an approved jazz instrumental excerpt and transform rhythm, volume, and pauses into a composition of marks.

Three questions before you begin

1. Who created the local art, object, or practice we are studying?
2. What will you make that is distinctly your own?
3. How will your audience know the meaning of your choices?

Investigate, sketch, choose

Collect two references with their creators or sources. Draw three small alternatives. Circle the one that best meets your idea and explain why.

Make and improve

Make an abstract listening picture with a visual key. During critique, identify a visual strength, ask one authentic question, and revise at least one part of the work.

Cultural care

Credit recorded musicians; emphasize listening rather than generic depictions of jazz entertainers.

Studio planning space

Reference 1 (name, creator/organization, source): _____

Reference 2 (name, creator/organization, source): _____

Thumbnail 1: what will the viewer notice?

Thumbnail 2: what will the viewer notice?

Thumbnail 3: what will the viewer notice?

Reflect

I changed _____ because _____. The source that helped me understand this work is _____. Next time I will improve _____ by _____.

Caption your final work with your title, media, main idea, and attributions.