

Lesson 2 – Left Hand and Reading Music

Method Book I: Level I, pages 7-13

	ACTIVITY	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION
1.	Review	Teacher directed	Review from Lesson 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parts of the guitar- Sitting position- Right-hand position- Right-hand rest strokes- Alternating right-hand fingers
2.	Technique Focus	Video	Left hand – (pg. 7)
3.	Individual or Group Practice	Teacher directed	Left-hand practice as needed
4.	Technique Focus	Video	Putting it All Together (pg. 13) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Combining left and right hands- Two Ds/Two Bs
5.	Theory Focus	Video	Reading Music on the Guitar I – (pg. 9 -11) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Staff- Spaces and lines- Treble Clef- B & D- Quarter and eighth notes
6.	Change of Pace/ Brain Break	Teacher directed	Watch guitar performance video and discuss with class <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the 'Activities and Videos' glossary in the Resources folder has ideas and links
7.	Preview Song	Teacher directed	Check out and discuss <i>Ode to Joy</i> from Level 2 as performed by Alex De Grassi and Lead Guitar students in <i>We Are Guitar</i> .

After completing Lesson 2 students can:

- Demonstrate ergonomic left-hand technique
- Recognize high vs. low pitch
- Understand the basics of music notation
- Read and play the notes B and D
- Recognize and clap half, quarter and eighth notes