Il mio nome



<u>L'Opera Lirica Italiana (4)</u>

Go to www.euroclub-schools.org. Enter the <u>Italian Zone</u>. Click on <u>Italian Opera</u>. Finally, click on <u>Un Bel Dì Vedremo</u>. Read through the information on the web page and listen to the music.

PART 1 For the whole class together -

Pretend that you are in the audience at an Italian opera house such as *il Teatro alla Scala di Milano*. After listening to the *aria*, react according to <u>your own personal opinion</u> of how it was performed. Which of the following will be <u>your</u> reaction?....

- * to clap
- * to clap and call out 'Brava!' (good)
- * to clap and call out 'Bravissima!' (very good)
- * to clap and call out 'Bis!' (twice, again)
- * to clap, standing up whilst calling out 'Brava!'
- * to clap, standing up whilst calling out 'Bravissima!'
- * to clap, standing up whilst calling out 'Bis!'
- * to sit doing nothing

PART 2 Listen again to the *aria*. Please answer the following questions by expressing <u>your</u> <u>own opinion</u> -

- 1. How do you think Madama Butterfly sounds as she sings this aria?
- 2. Do you think that the soprano is a good singer? Describe the sound of her voice.
- 3. Do you have an opinion about Madama Butterfly's situation?
- 4. How does the orchestra sound?
- 5. How do you feel at the end of the aria?
- 6. What do you think might happen later in the opera?
- 7. Which adjectives would you use to describe the aria?