Guitar Playing Test Rubric

What I’m looking for while you play:

**Distinguished (20 points)**

* No audible mistakes in fingering
* A fluid rhythm
* Good playing posture (holding the guitar correctly, without reminders)
* Low thumb position on neck (no reminders)

**Proficient (15 - 19 points)**

* One or two fingering mistakes
* A fluid rhythm
* Good playing posture (without reminders)
* Low thumb position on neck (occasional reminders)

**Apprentice (10 - 14 points)**

* Several fingering mistakes
* A rhythm that is not completely fluid (one or two notes off rhythm)
* Good playing posture most of the time (occasional prompting)
* Low thumb position on neck (occasional prompting)

**Novice (5 - 9 points)**

* Many fingering mistakes
* A choppy rhythm
* Frequent prompting about playing posture
* Frequent prompting about low thumb position

**Non-performing (0 points)**

* Student is unable or refuses to play (fingering or rhythm)
* Student does not demonstrate good playing posture or thumb position, OR must be reminded to do so before every playing repetition.