

Kreutzer 12 All State Practice

1. Open String Practice-This etude is a study in saving bow. Break down the first two measures as an open string exercise:



Translated into open strings:



The goal is to see how nicely the bow can be divided between all the notes. For each half bar you should be halfway through the bow. Keep an eye on your bow to check in on your bow distribution as you try this next exercise.

2. Bow distribution practice-Freeze your bow in between each note to ensure even bow distribution.



Now add the left hand:



Practice this every day until you are confident about the bow distribution

3. Shifting practice-Break down the passages with the most shifting. Look at measure 10 as an example:



Practice each set very slowly, emphasizing the first note of each set. Take your time with the shifts.



These are just a few ways to dissect some of the challenging aspects of this music for the best practice results.

Happy Practicing!!