



Periods of Musical History



Read the information
and have a closer look at the pictures which show you some
of the most important composers of the different periods!

Listen to the music!

Then do the worksheet!

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Medieval (pre 1500)

- Simple structures
- Little music
- Monophonic
- Simple rhythms based on speech
- Only little music written down
- Music tells about life of simple people
- Music performed by troubadours
- Famous: Gregorian chants concerning religious music



Walter von der Vogelweide,
one of the most famous
composers of the medieval

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Renaissance (1500 - 1650)

- Lots of imitation
- Mainly polyphonic
- Contrapunctual music
- Use of modes
- Performed by instruments of the same family



Orlando di Lasso



Josquin Desprez

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Baroque (1650-1750)

- Music full of ornaments and decoration
- Use of dynamic (slow, fast, loud,...)
- Often accompanied by a harpsichord
- Birth period of the modern orchestra



Antonio Vivaldi



Johann
Sebastian
Bach

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Classical (1750 - 1810)

- Music has got regular length phrases
- Harmony concentrates around tonic and dominant
- Genres include symphony, concerto, string quartet and opera



Ludwig
van
Beethoven



Wolfgang
Amadeus
Mozart

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Romantic (1810 - 1900)

- More instruments and larger orchestras
- Some music is used to tell stories
- Contrasts in dynamics, instruments and pitch



Franz Schubert

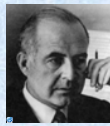


Giuseppe
Verdi

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Modern (1900 - present)

- Complete dissolution of harmony
- Various combinations of instruments
- Composers are more aware of their national heritage



Samuel Barber



Karl Heinz
Stockhausen



Krzysztof
Penderecki

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Now get the “Periods of Musical History” worksheet and do it!



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Periods of Music

© Now fill in the missing information in the following grid!



	Medieval	Renaissance	Baroque	Classical	Romantic	Modern
When?						
What is typical of this period? (Give at least three things!)						
Who? (Give at least 2 composers!)						



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