



History of CLASSICAL MUSIC...

Classical music can be organised into 6 periods:

Medieval (1150—1400)

Renaissance (1400—1600)

Baroque (1600—1750)

Classical (1750—1820)

Romantic 1820—1910)

20th Century (1910+)

Here are some connections with the other 'Classic' subjects - Literature and Art! What else was going on during these times?

Lute	A plucked stringed instrument with a neck like a guitar with frets. The body has a halved egg shape
Overture	Orchestral music played at the beginning of an opera
Harpichord	A keyboard instrument. The strings are plucked not struck with a hammer. White notes are black and black notes are white.
Dissonance	A lack of harmony. Notes clash.

A CLASSICAL QUIZ

- 1) What is the name of non-religious music?
- 2) What does it mean if you were Virtuoso?
- 3) An orchestra mainly comprises of which family of instruments?
- 4) Who was a Troubadour?
- 5) When did composers experiment with dissonance?
- 6) Name an important composer from the Baroque period
- 7) When did the piano replace the harpsichord?
- 8) What was Programme Music?

ANSWERS: 1. Secular 2. A very talented performer 3. Strings 4. A singer during Medieval Times who often sang love songs 5. The 20th Century 6. Bach, Vivaldi, Handel, Hayden etc 7. During Classical times 8. Music that described a scene or told a story or emotion



ROMANTIC

MUSIC: Composers became more expressive and emotional. There was intense energy, dramatic operas, huge symphonies and passionate songs. Music was often inspired by nature and poetry.

KEY COMPOSER and KEY WORKS:

RACHMANINOFF—*Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*

MAHLER—*Symphony 5: Adagietto (Movement 3)*

ART: VINCENT VAN GOGH painted *The Sunflowers* and MONET painted *The Water Lilies*

LITERATURE: BRAM STOKER wrote *Dracula*, CHARLES DICKENS wrote *A Christmas Carol* and ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON wrote *Treasure Island*

FACTS: Egyptian Hieroglyphs are deciphered from studying the Rosetta Stone, the first photographs are taken with a camera and the first Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities took place.

20th CENTURY

MUSIC: There was an increase in the variety of music produced. Some composers combined others styles such as jazz and folk themes. Composers experimented more and some explored dissonance and made sounds clash. Music was listened to much more on the radio.

KEY COMPOSERS and KEY WORKS:

GEORGE GERSHWIN—*Rhapsody in Blue*

LEONARD BERNSTEIN—*West Side Story*

ART: PICASSO painted *The Weeping Woman* and KANDINSKY painted *Squares with Concentric Circles*

LITERATURE: TOLKEIN wrote *Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* and CS LEWIS wrote *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. ROALD DAHL wrote *Matilda*.

FACTS: NEIL ARMSTRONG and BUZZ ALDRIN are the first men to walk on the moon. Children are evacuated during the SECOND WORLD WAR. EINSTEIN creates his Theory of Relativity $E=mc^2$. McDonalds opens!