

A Trip Through Musical History

The Time Periods of Music

This page includes all of the questions for each page of the "Trip Through Musical History". As you go through each page, answer the questions for each section. Use the links provided with each question to help you answer it.

THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD		
1. What term is given to a song with more than one line of melody, or harmony?	2. What Medieval composer is known for his experiments with music notation?	3. Which of the four major instrument families was not evident during the medieval period?
THE RENAISSANCE PERIOD		
1. What type of religious songs were popular during this period?	2. What composer, considered 'revolutionary' at the time, helped push music into the Baroque period?	3. The word 'concert' came from what word used to describe a group of instruments?
THE BAROQUE PERIOD		
1. Which vocal musical genre was established during the Baroque period?	2. What composer from this time period wrote the famous 'Messiah', often recognized for its 'Hallelujah Chorus'?	3. Which instrument, developed from the harpsichord, was invented during this time period?
THE CLASSICAL PERIOD		
1. Which type of opera became popular during the Classical period?	2. Which of Beethoven's works featured a chorus singing the tune known as 'Ode to Joy'?	3. The string quartet of the Classical period was made up of what instruments?
THE ROMANTIC PERIOD		
1. During this period, many composers wrote music that focused on a certain country or region. What is that called?	2. Which of Tchaikovsky's compositions is often played at July 4 celebrations during fireworks?	3. Which instrument invented during this period is not really considered a member of the symphony orchestra?
THE MODERN PERIOD		
1. What other name is given to 'chance' music?	2. What is the name of the technology that allowed electronic musical instruments to work together and with computers?	3. Which keyboard instrument was used often in contemporary compositions, and is still used by many composers today?