

# Classical Music Fundamentals

Classical Music · Answer Key · 8 Questions

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**1. Which composer is credited with bridging the Classical and Romantic eras and composed the 'Eroica' Symphony?**

- A) Ludwig van Beethoven**
- B) Franz Schubert
- C) Johannes Brahms
- D) Gustav Mahler

**2. The term 'basso continuo' is a defining feature of music from which historical period?**

- A) Medieval
- B) Renaissance
- C) Baroque**
- D) Classical

**3. Which operatic composer is famous for the 'Ring Cycle' (Der Ring des Nibelungen), a series of four epic music dramas?**

- A) Giacomo Puccini
- B) Richard Wagner**
- C) Giuseppe Verdi
- D) Georges Bizet

**4. What is the standard movement structure of a traditional Classical-era symphony?**

- A) Two movements
- B) Three movements
- C) Four movements**
- D) Five movements

**5. Which of these works was composed by Johann Sebastian Bach as a collection of preludes and fugues in every major and minor key?**

- A) The Art of Fugue
- B) The Well-Tempered Clavier**
- C) Goldberg Variations
- D) Musical Offering

**6. In musical notation, what does the term 'tacet' indicate?**

- A) Play as fast as possible
- B) The instrument should remain silent for the duration of the movement**
- C) Play with a muffled sound
- D) Repeat the previous section

**7. Which composer is referred to as the 'Father of the Symphony' and the 'Father of the String Quartet'?**

A) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**B) Joseph Haydn**

C) Antonio Vivaldi

D) Felix Mendelssohn

**8. The 'Rite of Spring' by Igor Stravinsky is noted for being a seminal work of which musical movement?**

A) Minimalism

B) Impressionism

C) Neoclassicism

**D) Primitivism**