

Classical Music Fundamentals

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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