

Classical Music Explorer

Classical Music · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which of these composers is often referred to as the 'Father of the Symphony'?

- A) Johann Sebastian Bach
- B) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- C) Joseph Haydn**
- D) Ludwig van Beethoven

2. The 'Four Seasons' is a famous set of violin concertos by which Italian Baroque composer?

- A) Claudio Monteverdi
- B) Antonio Vivaldi**
- C) Arcangelo Corelli
- D) Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

3. Which instrument is not typically considered a core part of a standard symphony orchestra?

- A) Violin
- B) Flute
- C) Electric Guitar**
- D) Timpani

4. The period in classical music characterized by clarity, balance, and elegance, roughly from 1750 to 1820, is known as the:

- A) Baroque Period
- B) Romantic Period
- C) Classical Period**
- D) Modern Period

5. Who composed the opera 'The Magic Flute'?

- A) Richard Wagner
- B) Giuseppe Verdi
- C) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**
- D) Giacomo Puccini

6. What is the largest section of a typical symphony orchestra?

- A) Brass
- B) Woodwinds
- C) Percussion
- D) Strings**

7. Which composer wrote the 'Moonlight Sonata'?

- A) Franz Schubert
- B) Johannes Brahms

C) Ludwig van Beethoven

- D) Frédéric Chopin

8. The 'Nutcracker' ballet, a popular holiday tradition, was composed by:

- A) Igor Stravinsky

B) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

- C) Sergei Prokofiev
- D) Dmitri Shostakovich

9. What is the term for a musical composition for a solo instrument or a small group of instruments with orchestral accompaniment?

- A) Symphony
- B) Opera

C) Concerto

- D) Sonata

10. Which composer is known for his extensive use of fugues and counterpoint, epitomizing the Baroque era?

- A) George Frideric Handel

B) Johann Sebastian Bach

- C) Antonio Vivaldi
- D) Henry Purcell

11. The 'Rite of Spring' ballet, known for its radical harmonies and rhythms, caused a riot at its premiere. Its composer was:

- A) Claude Debussy
- B) Maurice Ravel

C) Igor Stravinsky

- D) Béla Bartók

12. Which musical form typically involves an introduction, development, and recapitulation of musical themes?

- A) Rondo
- B) Theme and Variations

C) Sonata Form

- D) Fugue

13. What is the term for the highest-pitched female singing voice?

- A) Mezzo-soprano
- B) Alto
- C) Soprano**
- D) Contralto

14. The piano concerto genre became highly popular during which musical period?

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

15. Which composer, despite going deaf, created some of his most powerful and revolutionary works, including his Ninth Symphony?

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- B) Joseph Haydn
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- D) Franz Schubert