

Music History Essentials

Music History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which famous composer wrote 'The Four Seasons'?

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

2. The instrument family that includes the flute, clarinet, and oboe is called:

- A) Brass
- B) Percussion
- C) Woodwind**
- D) String

3. Ludwig van Beethoven was a composer from which musical period?

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

4. Which of these instruments is a member of the brass family?

- A) Trombone**
- B) Violin
- C) Snare drum
- D) Flute

5. In music notation, which symbol tells the musician to be silent?

- A) Clef
- B) Staff
- C) Rest**
- D) Note

6. Who is known as the 'Father of the Symphony'?

- A) Joseph Haydn**
- B) Franz Schubert
- C) Frederic Chopin
- D) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

7. The Renaissance period in music history occurred roughly between which years?

A) 1000-1200

B) 1400-1600

C) 1800-1900

D) 1950-2000

8. Which instrument uses a bow to produce sound?

A) Piano

B) Cello

C) Trumpet

D) Xylophone

9. The 'Baroque' period of music is known for the works of which composer?

A) Johann Sebastian Bach

B) John Williams

C) Elvis Presley

D) Igor Stravinsky

10. Which percussion instrument is played by striking metal bars with mallets?

A) Timpani

B) Glockenspiel

C) Triangle

D) Snare Drum

11. What does 'forte' mean in musical terms?

A) Soft

B) Slow

C) Loud

D) Fast

12. Which composer wrote the famous ballet 'The Nutcracker'?

A) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

B) Franz Liszt

C) Robert Schumann

D) Johannes Brahms

13. Which string instrument is the smallest and plays the highest notes?

A) Viola

B) Cello

C) Double Bass

D) Violin

14. The 'Treble Clef' is also known as the:

- A) F Clef
- B) G Clef**
- C) C Clef
- D) Bass Clef

15. Which of these was a popular keyboard instrument before the piano was invented?

- A) Harpsichord**
- B) Saxophone
- C) Tuba
- D) Guitar

16. What is the Italian word for 'slowly' used in music?

- A) Allegro
- B) Adagio**
- C) Presto
- D) Moderato

17. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was a child prodigy from which country?

- A) Austria**
- B) Italy
- C) France
- D) England

18. Which musical period followed the Baroque era?

- A) Classical**
- B) Medieval
- C) Modern
- D) Romantic

19. A 'duet' is a musical composition written for how many performers?

- A) One
- B) Two**
- C) Three
- D) Four

20. Which family of instruments does the Timpani belong to?

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