

# Music History Essentials

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**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