

Music History Chronology and Figures

Music History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which prominent composer of the Classical era was born in 1756?

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

2. The opera 'The Ring of the Nibelung' by Richard Wagner was first performed in its entirety between which years?

- A) 1869-1876**
- B) 1874-1882
- C) 1883-1890
- D) 1863-1870

3. Claudio Monteverdi's opera 'L'Orfeo', considered one of the earliest operas, premiered in which year?

- A) 1600
- B) 1607**
- C) 1615
- D) 1625

4. How many symphonies did Franz Joseph Haydn compose during his prolific career?

- A) 94
- B) 104**
- C) 99
- D) 109

5. Which composer is credited with completing Beethoven's unfinished Tenth Symphony from sketches, premiering it in 1988?

- A) Gustav Mahler
- B) Johannes Brahms
- C) Barry Cooper**
- D) Anton Bruckner

6. The Baroque composer George Frideric Handel was born in what year?

- A) 1675
- B) 1680
- C) 1685**
- D) 1690

7. The premiere of Igor Stravinsky's ballet 'The Rite of Spring' famously caused a riot in which year?

A) 1910

B) 1913

C) 1916

D) 1919

8. Johann Sebastian Bach composed the Brandenburg Concertos during what period?

A) 1710-1720

B) 1715-1725

C) 1720-1730

D) 1725-1735

9. Which composer, known for his opera 'La traviata', was born in 1813?

A) Gioachino Rossini

B) Giuseppe Verdi

C) Giacomo Puccini

D) Vincenzo Bellini

10. The Symphony No. 5 by Ludwig van Beethoven, with its iconic four-note motif, premiered in which year?

A) 1804

B) 1808

C) 1812

D) 1815

11. Arnold Schoenberg's influential work 'Pierrot lunaire' was composed in what year?

A) 1908

B) 1912

C) 1915

D) 1920

12. The Romantic composer Frédéric Chopin spent most of his adult life in which city?

A) Vienna

B) Berlin

C) Paris

D) Warsaw

13. How many movements are typically found in a standard Classical era symphony?

A) Three

B) Four

C) Five

D) Two

14. The opera 'Carmen' by Georges Bizet premiered in which year?

A) 1870

B) 1875

C) 1880

D) 1885

15. Which composer, a key figure of the Second Viennese School, was born in 1874?

A) Béla Bartók

B) Alban Berg

C) Anton Webern

D) Arnold Schoenberg