

Music History Chronology and Figures

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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