

HISTORY STUDY GUIDE

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Common genres: lieder, symphony, waltz, etude, scherzo, nocturne, mazurka, rhapsody, ballade, intermezzo, polonaise, concerto, theme and variations, opera, ballet, program music, chamber music, sets of short piano pieces

Common instruments: piano, orchestra (larger than Classical orchestra, more variety of percussion), solo voice, violin, cello, piano trio

Composers: R. Schumann, Schubert, Chopin, Liszt, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Dvořák, Wagner, Grieg, Mussorgsky, Verdi, Bizet, Rachmaninoff, Saint-Saëns, J. Strauss Jr., Rossini, Offenbach, Berlioz

Impressionistic

This period is from 1890 to 1930. The music in this period often features whole tone scales, pentatonic scales, dreamy moods, and shimmery textures. Pieces often do not end in a clear manner, but rather fade away. Most of the music in this style is written by French composers.

Common genres: short piano pieces (character pieces), short pieces for orchestra, songs, chamber music

Common instruments: piano, orchestra, solo voice, flute

Composers: Debussy, Ravel, Satie

20th Century period

This period is from 1900 to 2000. The music in this period often features dissonant sounds, irregular rhythm, irregular meter, and atonality. Silence or other everyday noises can be considered music. The music of this era has such a huge variety of ways of composing that we don't have space to list them all, only a few of them.

Styles used: jazz, folk music from around the world, rock

Instruments and methods of performance :

Voice---half-speaking, half singing, clicking, moaning, gurgling, screaming

Piano---strumming the piano strings, putting objects between the strings

Orchestra---sirens, screeches

Electronic instruments: computers, tape recording, electronic keyboard

Other traditional classical instruments used in untraditional ways

Foreign instruments from around the world

Composers: Stravinsky, Copland, Prokofiev, Schoenberg, Bernstein, Gershwin, Cowell, Sousa, Rodrigo