

Learning About Music History

What we'll be learning

As we talk about western classical music, there will be certain things that we focus on during each time period. A couple important things to remember while we're learning:

1. Western Classical Music only focuses on the music of Europe, western Russia, and eventually the United States. Western Classical Music does not focus on South American music, Latin American music, African music, Eastern music, or Indigenous music.
2. There are many composers that contributed to the development of western classical music. We can't talk about all of them, but we will talk about important lesser known composers that were left out of many music history books.
3. If there is something we are talking about that interests you, tell me! If there is something that we are not talking about that interests you, tell me! While there are important musical concepts for you to learn, I want you to find your own interest and we can learn more about it together.

So, what are we going to be talking about?

Characteristics

We'll talk about the music characteristics of the time period, what they are, and what they sound like.

Form

All music has a form or structure. We'll talk about what forms where being used and how to identify them

Instruments

Believe it or not, the instruments in your band class were not always used. We'll talk about what popular instruments were used during each time period.

Composers

I'll give you a list of important composers that made significant contributions during each time period. We'll discuss a couple more in depth.