**Composer Project**

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To compose is to write music. Composers are the people who write music. Without composers, we wouldn’t have any music to perform or to listen to. Music has changed throughout history; people in different times enjoyed different sounds than the ones we listen to today.

Music history is divided up into sections just like regular history. Each period of music history has a unique sound that makes it different from the others. There are seven periods in music history: Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionist, and Contemporary. Although they are all different, they influenced each other as time progressed and without the sounds of the past, we would not have the music we do today. If you listen closely, there are many songs now that use sounds very similar to those in much older songs.

1. Read a biography about your composer and complete a worksheet about that biography.
2. Composer’s Name
3. Where and when were they born?
4. Where and when did they die?
5. What period of music history did they write music for?
6. List 2 famous pieces by the composer and listen to them online.
7. List 10 interesting facts about your composer.
8. Be sure to include what instrument did they play?
9. Who taught them?
10. Were they married, if so who and how many times did they marry?
11. Did they have children, if so how many?
12. Find a picture of your composer.

At the end of the project, you will present your song for your class and share some information about your composer.