



Composers

Bach - Handel - Purcell

Answers

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Answers to Sheet 1

Johann Sebastian Bach - **1685 - 1750**
his early years

- What was the name of the town where Johann Sebastian was born? **Eisenach**
- Who was his first music teacher? **His father was his first teacher**
- Who took care of him after his parents died? **His older brother, Johann Christoph**
- What instrument did his brother play? **Christoph was an organist**
- Name two instruments that he had to practice. **The violin, viola, clavier and the organ**
- How old was he when he left his brother's house? **He was fifteen years old**
- What did he learn about when he went to Lüneburg? **Church music, French and Italian music**

True or False

- Johann Sebastian's father played the flute ... **False**
- He came from a very musical family **True**
- Johann Sebastian sang in the church choir ... **True**

- He helped repair the violins at church ... **False**
- He was deeply religious **True**
- His father died when he was 12 **False.**
- He played organ for Duke Johann Ernst **False**

Answers to Sheet 2

Johann Sebastian Bach - **1685 - 1750**
his later years

- Which great organist and composer did he study with? **Dietrich Buxtehude**
- Who was Johann Sebastian Bach's first wife? **His cousin, Maria Barbara Bach**
- What work did he do soon after his first marriage? **Organist and violinist for Duke Wilhelm Ernst**
- How many of his children survived altogether? **Ten of his twenty children survived**
- Who did he go to work for in 1708? **Duke Wilhelm Ernst**
- Name a piece of music that he wrote for his family 'Well Tempered Clavier,' 'Inventions,' 'Little Organ Book'
- Where did he move to from Köthen **They moved to Leipzig**

True or False

- He taught Dietrich Buxtehude ... **False**
- He wrote 13 cantatas in Weimar ... **False**
- Sebastian wrote 'Inventions' for his family ... **True**

- His second wife, Anna, was a pianist ... **False**
- He moved to Weimar in 1708 **True**
- He became a conductor for Prince Leopold ... **True**
- He stayed in Leipzig for nine years ... **False**

Answers to Sheet 3

Johann Sebastian Bach - **1685 - 1750**
Timeline

- Where did Johann Sebastian Bach live in 1695? **In Ohrdruf**
- In which year did he study with Dietrich Buxtehude? ...**1705**
- What did he do in the Church of St Michael?....**He was a chorister**
- Who did he work for in Weimar? **Duke Ernst**
- In which year did Maria die? **1720**

- Why was he placed under house arrest? . **he tried to leave without the Duke's permission**
- When were the Brandenburg Concertos written? **1721**
- Where did he live for 27 years of his life? **Leipzig**
- How many cantatas did he write after he moved to Leipzig? ... **295**
- What health problem did he suffer before he died? **Blindness**

Answers to Sheet 4

George Frideric Handel - 1685 - 1759
his early years

- What was the name of the town where George was born? **Halle**
Which other composer was born in the same year?.....**Johann Sebastian Bach**
What did George's father want him to study?**Law**
Who organised music lessons for George?**the Duke of Saxony**
What major decision did George make when he was 18?...**He moved to Hamburg**
How old was he when his father died?**12**
Name three instruments that he could play?**the organ, the harpsichord, the violin and the oboe**

True or False

- George Handel was born in Hamburg ... **False**
He studied law **True**
He was taught to play the organ **True**

- He liked watching the horn players ... **True**
His father wanted him to be a musician... **False**
Handel played a violin at church **False**
He was offered a job as an organist **True**

Answers to Sheet 5

George Frideric Handel - 1685 - 1759
his later years

- Name two places that Handel visited in Italy. **Florence, Rome and Naples**
Name an opera that he wrote while in Italy. **Agrippina**
How long did he stay in Italy? **Three years**
Where was he when he wrote 'Rinaldo'? **London**
What major project did he undertake in 1719?.....**He started the Royal Academy of Music**
Who did he write 'Birthday Ode' for? **Queen Anne**
Name two other pieces that he wrote. **The Messiah and the Water Music**

True or False

- Handel wrote 'Agrippina' in Italy **True**
He lived in Hamburg most of his life. **False**
He was in the Fire of London ... **False**

- Queen Anne liked his music. **True**
He wrote music for celebrations.**True**
He became composer to the Chapel Royal ...**False**
He died in Germany **False**

Answers to Sheet 6

George Frideric Handel - 1685 - 1759
Time Line

- What did he study at the university? **Law**
Name an opera he wrote in Italy. ... **Agrippina**
Where did Handel live for most of his life?.....**London**
Who was King of England when he wrote the Water Music? **George I**
When was the Music for the Royal Fireworks written? **1749**
Who did he write coronation anthems for? **George II**
How long did he take to compose The Messiah? **23 days**
When did he become an English citizen? **1727**
For which hospital did he organize yearly concerts? **London Foundling Hospital**
What health problem did he suffer before he died? **Blindness**

Answers to Sheet 7

Henry Purcell

1659 - 1695

his early years

What was the name of the city where Henry Purcell was born? London

Name one terrible thing that happened when he was a boy? ... Great Plague or Fire of London

Who was Henry's first teacher? Henry Cooke

What subject was Henry particularly good at? Writing music

Who taught Henry after Mr Cooke died?

Which two styles of music did Henry learn about? French and Italian styles

What job did Henry have in Westminster Abbey? Tuning the organ

True or False

Henry had a fine singing voice True

His father and uncle were musicians True

He taught Henry Cooke to sing False

Henry learned music in France False

He was good at writing music True

He tuned the piano in Westminster Abbey False

His first teacher was Mr Humphrey False

Answers to Sheet 8

Henry Purcell

1659 - 1695

his later years

Who did Purcell take over from when he was 18? Matthew Locke

Name a play that Purcell wrote the music for? Theodosius

At least how many songs did Purcell write? more than one hundred

Name his only true opera. Dido and Aeneas

Name a special occasion he might have written music for. Coronations, Funerals or Saints Days

Which of his children grew up to be a musician? Edward

What was his final work (completed by his brother)? a semi-opera called 'The Indian Queen'

True or False

Henry wrote music for the stage True

He wrote coronation music True

He wrote over 1000 songs False

His first opera was called 'King Arthur' False

He wrote no church music False

He wrote music for John Dryden True

His completed 'Indian Queen' and then died False

Answers to Sheet 9

Henry Purcell

1659 - 1695

Time Line

Where did Purcell live? London

When was the great fire of London. 1666

What historic event did the fire follow?..... the Bubonic Plague

Where was he a chorister? Children of the Chapel royal

How did he assist John Hingston? mending and tuning instruments

When did he tune the organ at Westminster Abbey? 1675

For whom did he write 'My Heart is Inditing'? James II

When did he write Dido and Aeneas? 1689

What did he write for St Cecilia's Day? Te Deum and Jubilate

When was Dioclesian written? 1690

QUIZ

Name the Composer - tick the correct answer

Dido and Aeneas
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Brandenburg Concertos
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Music for the Royal Fireworks
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Tamerlano
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Music for King Arthur
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

The Messiah
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

St. Matthew Passion
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

The Indian Queen
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Rinaldo
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Music for Theodosius
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

St. John Passion
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Water Music
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Almira
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Peasant Cantata
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Tocatta and Fugue in D minor
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Rodelinda
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Giulio Cesare
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Dioclesian
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

My Heart is Inditing
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

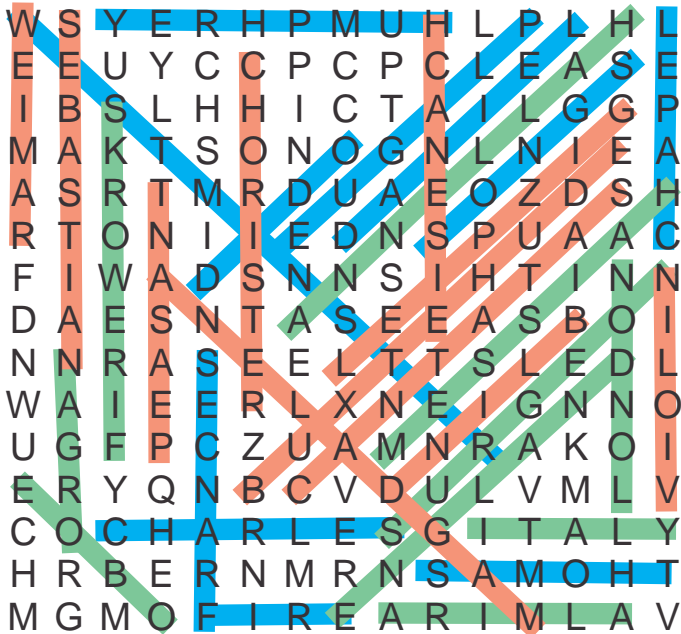
Radamisto
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell

Mass in B minor
 Bach
 Handel
 Purcell



Wordsearch

Find the answers to the questions on these composers reading across, up, down or diagonally.
Draw circles around them and write the answers on the dotted lines.



Johann Sebastian Bach.

Was born in**Eisenach**

His middle name**Sebastian**

An instrument he played**Violin**

Chorister... at Church of St Michael

Studied with Dietrich**Buxtehude**

Married Anna **Magdalena**

Lived here for 9 years**Weimar**

Wrote 295**cantatas** at Leipzig

Lived in **Leipzig**..... for 27 years

Wrote ...**Peasant** Cantata in 1742

Went ...**blind** before he died

George Frideric Handel.

Wrote**Almira** (opera) in 1704

Wrote Birthday Ode for Queen ...**Anne**

Lived most of his life in**London**

Music for Royal ...**Fireworks** (1749)

Was born in ...**Halle**

Went to ...**Italy** in 1706

Went to ...**England** in 1710

Wrote the**Messiah** in 1741

Was fond of this instrument ...**Oboe**

First instrument he learnt ...**Organ**

His father was a**Surgeon**

Henry Purcell.

Joined the Children of the ..**Chapel** Royal

King **Charles** II reigned in 1659

His brother's name was ... **Daniel**

Only opera was **Dido** and Aeneas

He saw the Great **Fire** of London

His wife's name was **Frances**

Taught by Pelham **Humphrey**

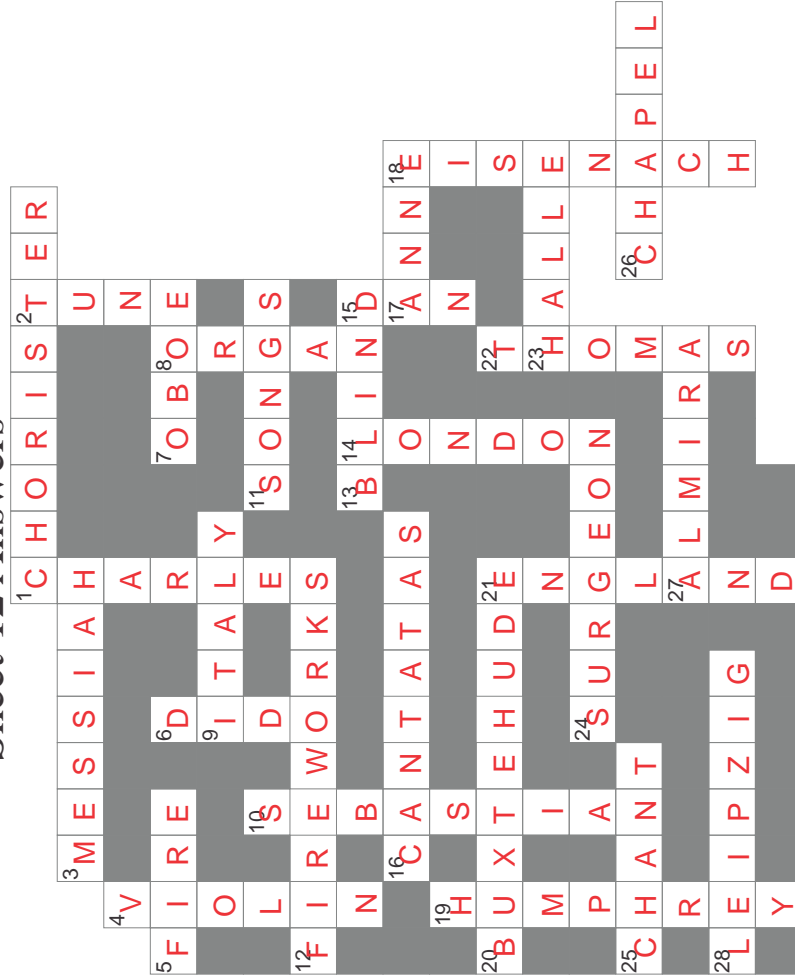
He lived through the Bubonic **Plague**

Wrote more than 100 **Songs**

He had an uncle named **Thomas**

Was buried in ..**Westminster** Abbey

Bach - Handel - Purcell Sheet 12 Answers



ACROSS

1. Bach was a _____ at the Church of St Michael
3. Handel wrote this famous oratorio in 1741
5. Purcell saw the _____ of London in 1666
7. This was at one time Handel's favourite instrument.
9. A country Handel visited in 1706
11. Purcell wrote more than 100 of these.
12. In 1749 Handel wrote this for the Royal _____
13. Both Bach and Handel lost their eyesight and went _____
16. While he was at Leipzig Bach wrote 295 _____
17. Handel wrote the Birthday Ode for Queen _____

Crossword

20. Bach studied with Dietrich _____ in 1705
23. Handel was born here
24. Handel's father was one _____
25. Plainsong, Gregorian _____
26. Purcell was one of the _____ Children of the _____ Royal _____
27. Handel wrote this opera in 1704
28. Bach lived here for 27 years

DOWN

1. King _____ II was on the throne when Purcell was born
2. In a choir Purcell was required to sing in _____
3. An instrument that Bach was able to play
6. Purcell's only true opera, _____ and Aeneas
8. The first instrument that Handel learnt to play
10. Johann _____ Bach

MINI QUIZ

1. Which two composers were buried in Westminster Abbey?
.....**Handel and Purcell**
1. Which composer was alive during the Fire of London?
.....**Purcell**
3. Which composer wrote the Peasant Cantata?
.....**J S Bach**
3. Which composer lived in Weimar?
.....**J S Bach**
3. Which composer went to Italy?
.....**Handel**