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 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

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**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

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**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? **Henry learned music in France**

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

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

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## 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. **Did 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’

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## 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**

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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

**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

**MINI QUIZ**

1. Which two composers were buried in Westminster Abbey?

14. Handel spent most of his life in this city

15. Short for Henry Purcell’s brother’s first name

18. The town where Bach was born

19. Purcell was taught by Mr Pelham ____________

21. Purcell spent his entire life in this country

22. The name of Purcell’s uncle

**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 ____________

**DOWN**

1. King ____________ II was on the throne when Purcell was born

2. In a choir Purcell was required to sing in ____________

3. Which composer wrote the Peasant Cantata?

5. Purcell’s only true opera, ____________ and Aeneas

6. An instrument that Bach was able to play

8. The first instrument that Handel learnt to play

10. Johann ____________ Bach

...Handel and Purcell ____________

1. Which composer was alive during the Fire of London?

3. Which composer lived in Weimar?

3. Which composer went to Italy?

...J S Bach ____________