



Knowledge Organiser



Knowledge Organiser Key Stage 3

Subject: MUSIC

Year: 8

Topic Title: CLASSICAL TIME PERIOD

Lesson 1 – Classical Time Period – Context

Key Facts from this lesson

The **classical time period** took place from 1750-1820. This time period favoured **elegance** and **balance**. This time period highlighted **melody**. Many familiar melodies came from this time period and are referenced in TV and adverts. The **classical time period** saw the development of the modern orchestra. Although slight changes have taken place. The orchestra remains largely the same.

Classical Composers

Ludwig van Beethoven
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Fanny & Felix Mendelssohn

Key words and definitions from this lesson:

- ★ **Classical time period** – a musical time period that took place from 1750-1820
- ★ **Semitone** – the smallest interval in western music
- ★ **Sharp** – raises a note by a semitone
- ★ **Flat** – lowers a note by a semitone
- ★ **Natural** – cancels any previous accidentals
- ★ **Time Signature** – a symbol informing how many beats are in the bar and how they are divided
- ★ **3/4 timing** - a time signature with 3 crotchets in each bar

Diagrams/ Maps/ illustration to help with learning

Treble Clef Notation

Time Signatures

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