

# Listening Introduction to Classical Music Composers

*It demonstrated that many of the now famous classical music composers faced difficulties and hardships during their lives, yet through perseverance, they were able to overcome health issues, poverty, and rejection to create masterpieces. This project was most valuable because it was presented as a motivation tool for students to see the effect of determination and how it may apply to their lives.*

## Curriculum/State Standard

Music Awareness

## Overview

Each lesson contained a study of the individual composer's life and a sample of the composer's music. Each lesson highlighted the composer's individual style as reflected in the recorded music.

## Objectives

- The student will learn about the composers and their lives.
- The student will listen to a recorded selection representative of these composers.
- The student will be able to make connections between the music and the composers' life experiences.

## Materials

5 volume tape cassette

## Readiness Activity

Students listened to a composition; they tried to find connections between what they heard and what they had previously been taught about the composer's life and experiences.

## Strategies/Activities

For example, Rimsky-Korsakoff's Flight of the Bumble Bee illustrated that the composer could create music that replicated an animal sound in nature. Students were able to identify the buzzing sound without coaching from the teacher.

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# 4-5

GRADE LEVEL



ARTS



LANGUAGE



MATH

Misc

MISCELLANEOUS



SCIENCE



HISTORY



SOCIAL STUDIES

# 5

MONTHS

# \$40

TOTAL BUDGET



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### **Culminating Activity**

After each lesson, students discussed if they liked or disliked that particular composition remembering what they had learned about that particular composer's life.

### **Evaluation**

Students answered questions each week about the important events each composer dealt with and how these life experiences were reflected in their music.