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	Major eras of Classical music Each era is defined by distinct styles and the composers who shaped them.	
	Medieval (500–1400) Monophonic plainchant, early polyphony, and religious focus. Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179) Renaissance Era (c. 1400–1600) Growth of polyphony, secular madrigals, and modal harmony. Byrd, William : c. 1540 –1623 Monteverdi, Claudio : 1567 –1643 (<i>Transitioned into the Baroque era</i>) Palestrina, Giovanni Pierluigi da : c. 1525 –1594 Tallis, Thomas : c. 1505 1585	Romantic Era (c. 1820–1900 Intense emotionality, programmatic storytelling, nationalism, and massive orchestras. Brahms, Johannes : 1833 –1897 Chopin, Frédéric : 1810 –1849 Dvořák, Antonín : 1841 –1904 Schumann, Robert : 1810 –1856 Tchaikovsky, Pyotr Ilyich : 1840 –1893 Wagner, Richard : 1813 –1883 Verdi, Giuseppe : 1813 –1901

Baroque Era (c. 1600–1750) Development of counterpoint, the fugue, opera, and complex ornamentation.

[Bach, Johann Sebastian](#) : 1685 –1750

[Handel, George Frideric](#) : 1685 –1759

[Vivaldi, Antonio](#) : 1678 –1741

Classical Era (c. 1750–1820) Emphasis on structural clarity, symmetry, order, and the sonata form.

[Beethoven, Ludwig van](#) : 1770 – 26 1827 (*Transitioned into the Romantic era*)

[Haydn, Joseph](#) : 1732 –1809

[Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus](#) : 1756 –1791

20th Century & Modern Era (c. 1900–Present) Avant-garde, experimental styles, serialism, impressionism, and electronic music.

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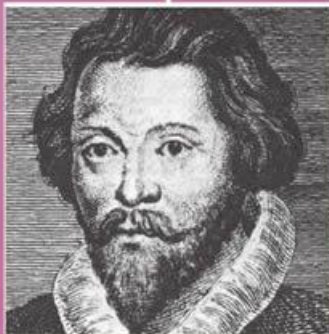
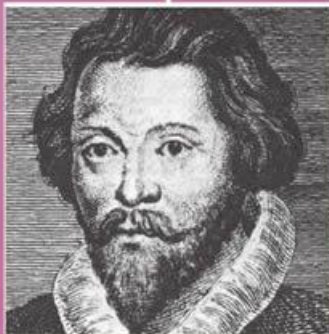
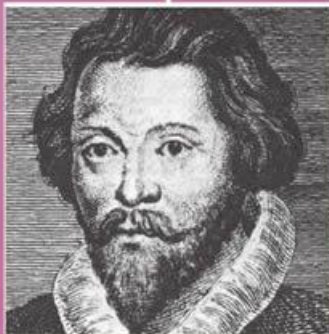
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