**MUSIC SPEECH**

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I would like to introduce you to the wonders of music. Music has existed since the beginning of man. The oldest surviving melody is called the Hurrian Hymn. The hymn was discovered in 1950 on a clay tablet in Ugarit, now part of modern-day Syria. The oldest musical instrument in the world, a 60,000-year-old Neanderthal flute is a treasure of global significance. It was discovered in a cave near Slovenia and has been declared by experts to have been made by Neanderthals.

Music History is when a musical instrument is used to play music and with enough time, we add words to these sounds. In theory, "music history" could refer to the study of the history of any type or genre of music (e.g., the history of Indian music or the history of rock). In practice, these research topics are often categorized as part of older music or cultural studies, whether they are correctly based. The terms "music history" and "historical sound " usually refer to the history of the picture music of Western elites, sometimes called "art music".

A music genre is a way of identifying pieces of music as belonging to a shared tradition or set of conventions. Some of the main genres of music are Hip-Hop, Pop, Rock, and classical music. As of June 2019, 68 percent of adults aged between 18 and 34 years old reported listening to music every day, as did most of their older peers also enjoyed music with the same regularity. In 2023, pop music held the lead as the most popular musical genres with jazz and classical being the least popular.

The history of musical instruments dates to the beginnings of human culture. Early musical instruments may have been used for rituals, to signal success on the hunt, or in prayer and religious ceremonies. Cultures eventually developed composition and performance of melodies just for entertainment. These classical musical instruments include violin, piano, and the harp, just to name a few. The first musical instrument was the flute.

In conclusion, the first ever musical instrument was the Neanderthal flute. It was also said it was made by the Neanderthal themselves. Music history was made way back over 500 years! Important musical instruments are the violin, piano, harp, and the flute. Thank you for listening to my speech and I hope that you have a great day!