

CC Cycle 1 Week 20 Handel Plan

Briefly go over Bio

Baroque Period

George Frederic Handel 1685-1759

- Born in Germany - trained in Italy - ended up living in London
- By age 10 was composing music for the oboe, organ, and violin
- His father did NOT want him to be a musician but wanted him to be a lawyer
- Considered one of England's greatest composers in the Baroque period and was even friends with Kings and Queens!
- Later in his life he went blind in both eyes but continued to compose and perform music
- Composed in a time when the Bible heavily influenced music - Most famous piece, the "Messiah", was so popular it was required that men leave their swords and women leave their hoop skirts at home to make more space. —

Water Music Suite

- In 1717 King George I requested Handel write a piece of music for an extravagant party.
- 50 musicians to play on a separate barge floating beside the King's party boat. They didn't stop playing for over 6 hours straight! Once they finished the piece they would play it again.
- We are listening to just one part of the song: Water Music Suite No. 2: Alla Hornpipe
- written in Sonata (explain)

A - A - B - A

Explain:

Major Key
light & happy



Minor Key
sad & dramatic



Play happy birthday in minor key (on CCC)

CLASSICAL CHILL CHALLENGE – get blankets, stuffed animals, eye masks etc. out

Remind them how important it is to be still and quiet. Remind them if they do well, we can lay on the floor again next week. If not, we will sit in chairs at the table next week.

Explain picture: if you are still and quiet long enough, eventually a bird would eat bird seed right out of you hand!



1. Play song with lights off and kids lying down with their eyes closed.
2. Show children what a French horn and a trumpet look like while playing their sound from a file on CCC.
3. Pass out trumpet and horn sticks to use as we follow the listening chart on page 138 in Classical Music for Dummies. I will use the A and B sticks to show parts of the sonata.
4. Play song while using the listening chart – lights off.
5. Play song final time with lights off and kids lying down with their eyes closed.

print on card stock – cut each picture/letter out – glue to a craft stick

A

B

