

MUSIC THROUGH TIME 4

Handel and Bach

Probably the most famous composers from the Baroque Era are George Frideric Handel and Johann Sebastian Bach. Research information on Bach and Handel and then check the proper column on the chart for each statement. Some statements apply to both composers; some apply to one or the other.

1. Born in Germany.
2. Lived from 1685–1750.
3. Credited with inventing the “oratorio” form.
4. Married twice, had twenty children.
5. Spent 27 years as director of church music in Leipzig, Germany.
6. Was an expert player of keyboard instruments, especially organ.
7. Established the “well-tempered” chromatic scale.
8. Very successful as a composer of operas.
9. Composed to fill specific needs and purposes of the day.
10. Lived and worked in London after 1710.
11. Compositions include “figured bass”—a bass line with numbers indicating chords.
12. Many compositions have religious themes.
13. Lived from 1685–1759.
14. Never married, no children.
15. Regularly wore a wig, as seen in available pictures.

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