

BAROQUE COMPOSER STUDY

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Vivaldi:

Reading Material:

Gabriella's Song by Candace Fleming (picture book) library

About a young lady who finds music in Venice, Italy, the city of Vivaldi's birth. In the streets and canals of Venice, Gabriella can hear nothing but sweet music. The drying laundry goes *slap-slap*, the church bells go *ting-aling-ling*, and the lire go jing-aling-ling. Soon, Gabriella is humming her way through town -- and everyone hears her song! Some find it sad, others smile when they hear it -- but none can forget the beautiful melody. Before long, a certain struggling composer is inspired by Gabriella's song -- and a beautiful symphony is born.

I, Vivaldi by Janice Shefelman and Tom Shefelman (picture book) own

A dynamic picture-book biography of the Italian composer who as a young man put his musical training ahead of his studies for the priesthood.

Anna Maria's Gift by Janice Jordan Shefelman (chapter book) library

In 1715 Italy, eight-year-old Anna Maria Lombardini arrives at a Venice orphanage with little but the special violin her father made for her, but when her teacher, Antonio Vivaldi, favors her over a fellow student, the beloved instrument winds up in a canal.

The Orphan Singer by Emily Arnold McCully (picture book) library

Born into a poor but loving family who can't bear to see her gift for music go to waste, Nina is given up to the care of the famous Pieta orphanage in Venice. There her talent is nurtured under the tutelage of the composer Vivaldi. But one day Nina is faced with her own difficult decision--should she face expulsion for singing to a dying boy whom she feels is family?

More specifically about Venice/historical significance:

Guido's Gondola by Renee Riva (picture book)

Guido spends his days shuttling tourists along the waterways of Venice in a small gondola. The kindhearted young rat enjoys the simple pleasures of his world--until his eyes are opened to the possibilities of all that could be accomplished with a larger, faster vessel. As Guido is persuaded to acquire bigger and better boats, life becomes increasingly complicated. Just how far will he go in his search for true satisfaction?

Vendela in Venice by Christina Bjork (picture book) library

On a visit to Venice with her father, Vendela experiences the richness and beauty of the city and its palaces, gondolas, and statues.

Zoe Sophia's Scrapbook: An Adventure in Venice by Claudia Maurer (picture book) library

Using the popular diary format, this travelogue takes its spunky nine-year-old heroine and her dachshund from Manhattan to visit her great-aunt in Venice. They tour museums, shop for masks, ride a gondola, and observe a glassblower. Double-page watercolor-and-ink illustrations, as well as smaller framed "snapshots," are at once aesthetically pleasing and comical. Suspense is introduced when Zoe's dog disappears, but gondolier Ludovico saves the day in an endearing scene involving concerned faces stained with spaghetti al nero. The book offers bits of information, appealing characters, and a sense of the majesty and grandeur of Italy's palaces and piazzas; it will interest armchair and authentic travelers alike.

Carnival at Candlelight by Mary Pope Osborne – Magic Tree House # 33 (audio book or book) library
Merlin has asked Jack and Annie to help on another Merlin Mission. This time they head back into history to Venice, Italy, in the 1700s. With the help of some new friends, a research book, and a mysterious rhyme from Merlin, the heroes will save the Grand Lady of the Lagoon from a terrible disaster! To find her, they must travel back over 250 years ago to Venice, Italy, on the night of the annual Carnival celebration.

Audio/Visual Material:

The Best of Vivaldi (Classical Kids) [CD – music] library

Vivaldi's Ring of Mystery (Classical Kids) [CD – story and music] own

Alice in Vivaldi's Four Seasons: The Music Game [computer game] own

- Multiple musical games, jigsaw puzzles and twisted music riddles
- Play the Orchestra Game and read Vivaldi's biography
- Learn all about musical instruments
- Hear Vivaldi's majestic Four Seasons

The Four Seasons, “La Primavera”

From Basic Recordings for The Enjoyment of Music (CD 1; Tracks 31-36)

Free Lesson Plans and Audio/Visual Material:

Listen to Classics for Kids Show

<http://www.classicsforkids.com/shows/showview.asp?ID=1>

and print out activity sheet after listening

<http://www.classicsforkids.com/activitysheets/April2008.pdf>

Vivaldi and the Four Seasons: Teacher Resource Kit

Biography, timeline, Listening Guide, Four Sonnets, Paintings which inspired the music, activities

http://www.artsalive.ca/pdf/mus/tour2004/vivaldi2004_en.pdf

Squidoo lens with many YouTube videos

<http://www.squidoo.com/antonio-vivaldi-composer>

Easy Sheet Music and Audio Samples

http://makingmusicfun.net/htm/f_printit_free_printable_sheet_music/spring-piano.htm



Handel:

Reading Material:

George Handel (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers) by Mike Venezia library

Hallelujah Handel by Douglas Cowling (may replace Classical Kids audio) library

Handel Who Knew What He Liked by M. T. Anderson (picture book) library

George Frideric Handel was not your everyday eighteenth-century composer. And in a manner befitting its subject, this witty, rigorously researched, and accessible biography captures Handel's essential spirit — from a child who smuggled a clavichord into the attic to make music against his father's orders to a young man who imported forty-five pounds of mountain snow to chill wine for a gala.

Teacher Resources and Audio/Visual Material:

Handel at the Court of Kings by Opal Wheeler (book, study guide & CD) own

The Best of Handel (Classical Kids) [CD – music] library

Hallelujah Handel! (Classical Kids) [CD – story and music] own

Handel's Last Chance (video) library

Messiah

From *Basic Recordings for The Enjoyment of Music* (CD 2; Tracks 1-5)

Free Lesson Plans and Audio/Visual Material:

Listen to Classics for Kids Show

<http://www.classicsforkids.com/shows/showview.asp?ID=23>

and print out activity sheet after listening

<http://www.classicsforkids.com/activitysheets/June2008.pdf>

Biography and Listening Guides:

http://www.artsalive.ca/pdf/mus/handel_all_e.pdf

Water Music Suite:

http://www.classicsforkids.com/music/music_view.asp?id=10

Easy Sheet Music and Audio Samples

http://makingmusicfun.net/htm/f_printit_free_printable_sheet_music/water-music-piano.htm



Bach:

Reading Material:

Sebastian: A Book about Bach by Jeanette Winter library

Johann Sebastian Bach (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers) by Mike Venezia library

Teacher Resources and Audio/Visual Material:

Sebastian Bach: The Boy from Thuringia by Opal Wheeler (book, study guide & CD) own

Bach's Goldberg Variations by Anna Harwell Celenza (book and CD) library
Seventeenth-century composer Johann Sebastian Bach helps young organist Johann Gottlieb Goldberg by giving him lessons and by presenting him with a composition which came to be called the Goldberg Variations.

The Best of Bach (Classical Kids) [CD – music] library

Mr. Bach Comes to Call (Classical Kids) [CD – story and music] library

Mr. Bach Comes to Call (Classical Kids) video piano teacher

The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1, Prelude and Fugue in C minor
From Basic Recordings for The Enjoyment of Music (CD 2; Tracks 6-9)

Cantata No. 80, A Might Fortress is our God (Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott)
From Basic Recordings for The Enjoyment of Music (CD 2; Tracks 10-17)

Fantasia (Disney film)

Watch Walt Disney's 1940 masterpiece, *Fantasia*, featuring Johann Sebastian Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor*. The visual experience will make the music come alive for them.

Free Lesson Plans and Audio/Visual Material:

Listen to Classics for Kids Show

<http://www.classicsforkids.com/shows/showview.asp?ID=31>

and print out activity sheet after listening

<http://www.classicsforkids.com/activitysheets/September2008.pdf>

Squidoo Lens by Jimmie “Bach Composer Study” (Use for notebooking pages.)

<http://www.squidoo.com/bach-composer-study>

More Squidoo YouTube Videos

<http://www.squidoo.com/composer-johann-sebastian-bach>

Bach Lapbooking Page

http://files.homeschoolshare.com/docs54478/composers/bach_shuttertied.pdf

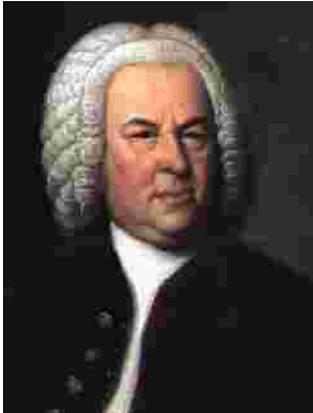
Bach Coloring Page

<http://makingmusicfun.net/pdf/worksheets/bach-coloring-page.pdf>

Easy Sheet Music and Audio Samples

http://makingmusicfun.net/htm/f_printit_free_printable_sheet_music/minuet-in-g.htm

http://makingmusicfun.net/htm/f_printit_free_printable_sheet_music/musette-easy.htm

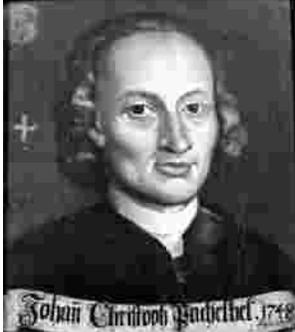


Other:

Pachelbel

Canon in D: <http://www.pachelbelcanon.com/>

Canon Rock by Jerry Chang: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=8590308394895590930#>



Monteverdi

L'incoronazione di Poppea, (*The Coronation of the Pope*), Act III, Scene 7
From *Basic Recordings for The Enjoyment of Music* (CD 1; Tracks 22-26)



Purcell

Dido and Aeneas, Dido's Lament and Finale
From *Basic Recordings for The Enjoyment of Music* (CD 1; Tracks 28-30)

