

# Unit 1: History

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## **Unit Overview**

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This unit will discuss the periods of musical history that correlate to the pieces being played in the concert repertoire. This correlation is essential to the students ability to interpret such aspects of performance as dynamic inflection and articulation style. These aspects are imperative to creating a characteristic performance of the work.

## **Enduring Understanding**

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- Music is reflective of the culture(s) that created it.
- Music is always present in the surrounding world.
- Music is a form of communication
- Music is a vehicle of personal expression, style, and taste.
- Music is a language with its own syntax, structure, and rules.

- The creation of music fosters critical thinking.
- Music making involves a set of behaviors that ensure quality of preparation and presentation.
- Increasing technical skill and theoretical knowledge allows performers to better express the music and themselves

## **Essential Questions**

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- How do people/I use music as a way to communicate with others?
- How can music influence your emotions?
- In what ways can musical elements become the foundation of your own composition?
- How do I hone my skills and fine-tune my work?
- How does my individual effort affect the group effort?
- What is quality in a music ensemble and how do you attain it?
- What can be learned from observing, analyzing, and evaluating the performances of myself and others?
- Why is music an important part of any culture?
- How does my musical interpretation reflect my personal culture?
- How does music change over time and place?
- Does music have to be considered beautiful by everybody?
- How do artists make decisions about their music?
- How does the time period in which a piece was written impact the performance of the piece?
- How does the piece's country of origin impact the performance of a piece?

## **Exit Skills**

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By the end of this unit the students should be able to:

- Compare present and past events to determine any lessons learned
- Compare the evolution of music with the evolution of societal values and beliefs
- Analyze the changes in music through the course of time from a time and cultural standpoint.
- Evaluate the impact that social and cultural change has on composers and the creative process.
- Perform music in a style that is consistent with the time period and region in which it was written.

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS-S)

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VPA.1.2.12.A.1	Determine how dance, music, theatre, and visual art have influenced world cultures throughout history.
VPA.1.2.12.A.2	Justify the impact of innovations in the arts (e.g., the availability of music online) on societal norms and habits of mind in various historical eras.
VPA.1.2.12.A.CS1	Cultural and historical events impact art-making as well as how audiences respond to works of art.
VPA.1.2.12.A.CS2	Access to the arts has a positive influence on the quality of an individual's lifelong learning, personal expression, and contributions to community and global citizenship.

## Interdisciplinary Connections

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SOC.6.1.12.D.3.a	Determine how expansion created opportunities for some and hardships for others by considering multiple perspectives.
SOC.6.1.12.D.3.b	Explain how immigration intensified ethnic and cultural conflicts and complicated the forging of a national identity.
SOC.6.1.12.D.3.c	Assess how states' rights (i.e., Nullification) and sectional interests influenced party politics and shaped national policies (i.e., the Missouri Compromise and the Compromise of 1850).
SOC.6.1.12.D.3.d	Analyze the role education played in improving economic opportunities and in the development of responsible citizens.
SOC.6.1.12.D.3.e	Determine the impact of religious and social movements on the development of American culture, literature, and art.

## Learning Objectives

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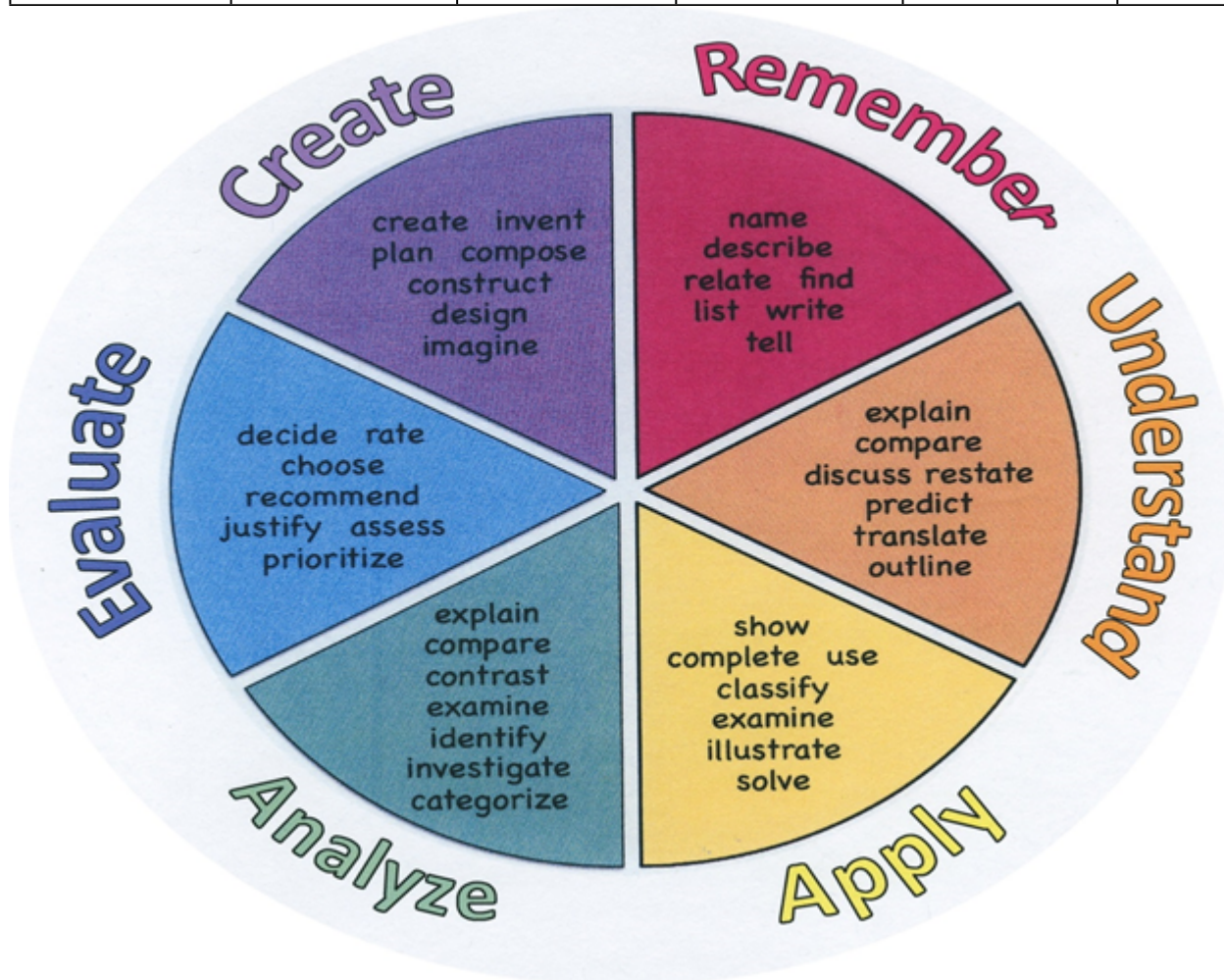
**By the end of this unit the students will be able to:**

- Identify the periods of Music History
- Perform concert peices in a way that is characteristic of the period of music history in which it was written
- Identify composers from different periods of Music History
- Compare and contrast pieces of music from the same period of Music History

**Action Verbs:** Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop

Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play
Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate
Recall	Select	Complete	Outline		Prescribe
Recognize	Show	Compute	Point out		Propose
Repeat	Summarize	Discover	Separate		Reconstruct
Reproduce	Tell	Divide			Revise
	Translate	Examine			Rewrite
	Associate	Graph			Transform
	Compute	Interpolate			
	Convert	Manipulate			
	Discuss	Modify			
	Estimate	Operate			
	Extrapolate	Subtract			
	Generalize				
	Predict				



## **Suggested Activities & Best Practices**

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- Study scores of the pieces in the concert repertoire
- Listening assignments centered around pieces similar to or written by the same composer as those in the concert repertoire
- Compare personal performance to recordings of professional performance of the concert repertoire
- Research and discuss the composers of the concert repertoire
- Time period studies to determine the best practices and performance methods for a piece of music

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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Common Benchmarks: The same rubric will be used for all instruments and ability levels-benchmark assessments

Compare and Contrast: Students will be asked to compare and contrast performances of the same piece-alternate assessment

Web-based assessments-summative assessment

Think, pair, share-formative assessment

- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Explaining
- Journals

- KWL Chart
- Multimedia Reports
- Outline
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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The primary resource for instruction in this class should be the concert repertoire for each semester.

## **Ancillary Resources**

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- Method books
- Scale studies
- Technical exercises
- Listening guidelines

## **Technology Infusion**

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- Google Classroom
- Ted Talks
- Digital Recordings
- YouTube
- National Geographic website
- History channel website

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Skydrive  
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SkyMap  
Skype  
Office 365  
Puzzle Touch  
Easy QR  
Memorylage  
Life Moments  
Word Cloud Maker

Ted Talks  
Record Voice Pen





## Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

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CRP.K-12.CRP2.1	Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive. They make connections between abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.2	Modify Personalized Student Learning Plans to support declared career goals.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.4	Analyze how economic conditions and societal changes influence employment trends and future education.
TECH.8.1.12.A.3	Collaborate in online courses, learning communities, social networks or virtual worlds to discuss a resolution to a problem or issue.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems.
TECH.8.1.12.D.CS1	Advocate and practice safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology.

## 21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes

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- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

## 21st Century Skills

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- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Global Awareness

## Differentiation

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Small Group assignments: each section (flutes, clarinets, etc...) to examine the stereotypical playing styles for periods of music history that are represented by the concert repertoire.

Guided reading: reading should relate to the pieces in the concert repertoire, such as information regarding the

composer, arranger, or the piece's country or time period of origin.

Flexible grouping: Students can be grouped by instrument and ability level or paired with students of mixed ability levels for peer to peer guidance.

**Differentiations:**

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

**Hi-Prep Differentiations:**

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

**Lo-Prep Differentiations**

- Exploration by interest

- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied supplemental materials

## **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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Student works with an assigned partner: Students will work on connecting historical information with performance with a partner in their section that has mastery of the concepts

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments

- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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Using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify:

Teacher will use illustrations and videos to clarify the aspects of historically characteristic performance.

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features

## **At Risk**

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Teacher will use illustrations and videos to clarify the aspects of historically characteristic performance.

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be

determined prior to giving the test.

- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery:

Students will be asked to make greater connections between pieces in the concert repertoire and pieces that are from the same historical time period, composer, or arranger.

- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping
- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## **Sample Lesson**

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Unit Name: Winter Concert

NJSLS:

Interdisciplinary Connection: History, Literacy

Statement of Objective: By the end of this lesson the students will be able to:

- Perform concert pieces with greater accuracy in pitch and rhythm
- Link concert pieces to periods of music history in order to create characteristic performance

- Perform concert pieces with greater accuracy in dynamic inflection
- Perform concert pieces with proper articulation

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: Warm ups/Concert scales

Learning Activity: The students will play the concert pieces, "Tis A Gift" and "Greensleaves" paying close attention to rhythmic and pitch accuracy. The students will stop when necessary to make corrections to performance techniques. The students will discuss the historical period of each peices and the musical characteristics of each period and then apply those characteristics to the appropriate peice.

Student Assessment/CFU's:

- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Evaluation Rubric

Materials: Instruments, Various Sheet Music

21st Century Themes and Skills:Music, Literacy

Differentiation/Modifications:Students on the accellerated path will be able to complete all aspects of this lesson. Students that require remediation will complete most aspects of this lesson and/or repeat aspects of the lesson when necessary. Differentiation is also made through the use of leveled parts. For example, 1st Clarinet, 2nd Clarinet, 3rd Clariant. Each part will relate to the student's ability level on their instrument.

Integration of Technology: Online media, Digital recordings

VPA.1.1.12.B.1	Examine how aspects of meter, rhythm, tonality, intervals, chords, and harmonic progressions are organized and manipulated to establish unity and variety in genres of musical compositions.
VPA.1.1.12.B.2	Synthesize knowledge of the elements of music in the deconstruction and performance of complex musical scores from diverse cultural contexts.
VPA.1.2.12.A.1	Determine how dance, music, theatre, and visual art have influenced world cultures throughout history.
VPA.1.3.12.B.1	Analyze compositions from different world cultures and genres with respect to technique, musicality, and stylistic nuance, and/or perform excerpts with technical accuracy, appropriate musicality, and the relevant stylistic nuance.
VPA.1.3.12.B.2	Analyze how the elements of music are manipulated in original or prepared musical scores.