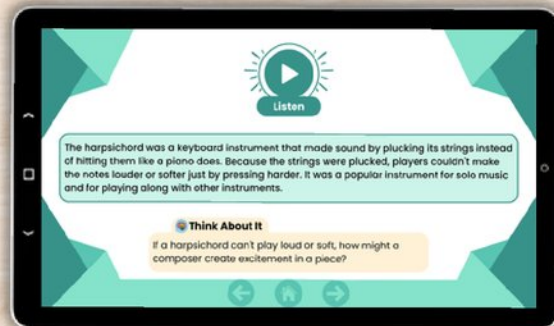
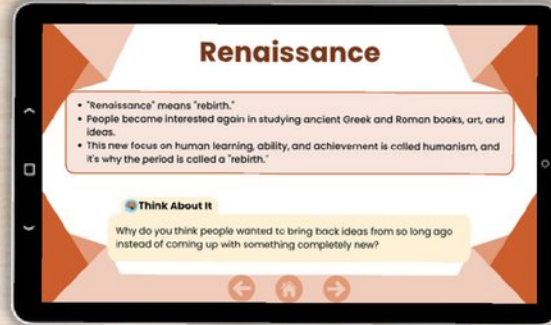
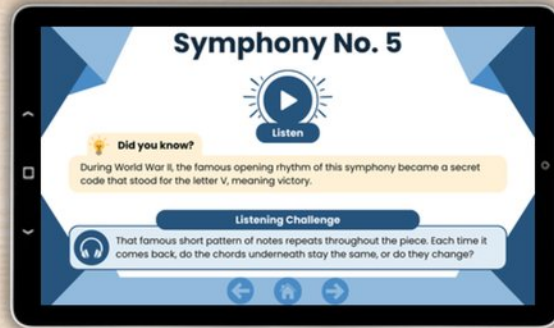


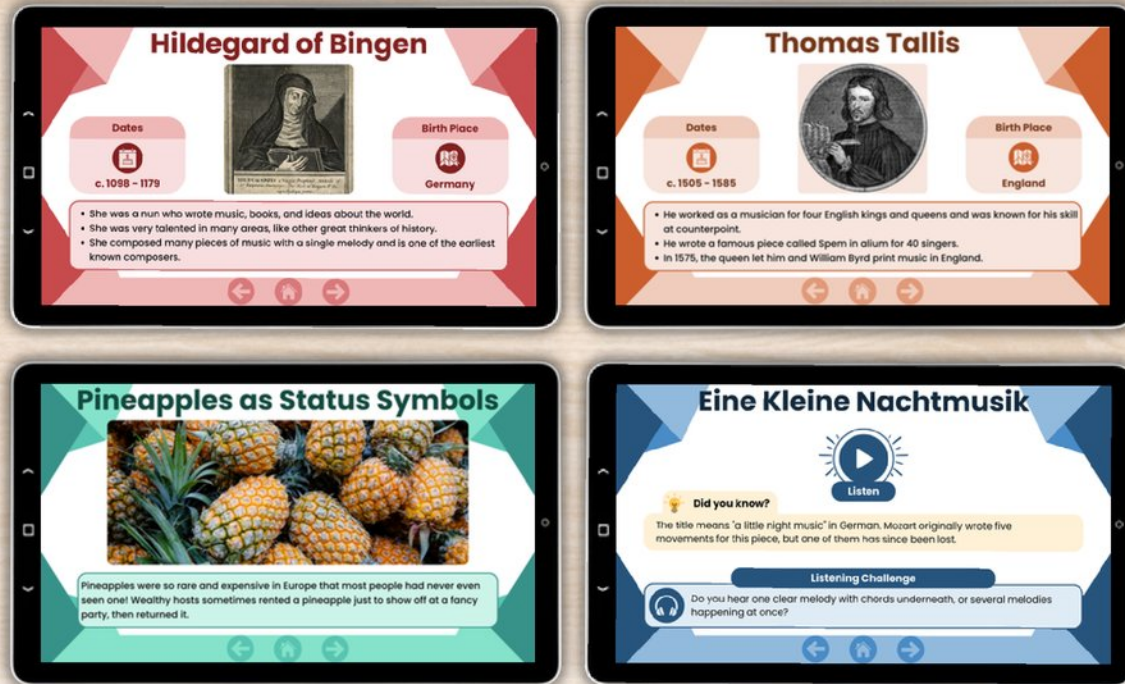


WHAT'S INCLUDED

73 Composers

- Medieval through Modern period
- Real music clips
- Composer birthplace maps
- Listening challenges
- Facts from each period
- Instrument videos
- Composer worksheets
- Editable outline

POWERPOINT + GOOGLE SLIDES



DESIGNED FOR 3-5 ELEMENTARY MUSIC

- No prep, just project and go
- Music selections for every composer
- Worksheets written at a 4th-grade reading level
- Listening challenges keep students engaged
- Works great for subs or composer of the week



COMPOSERS + MUSIC + MAPS + LISTENING

- Kid friendly facts for each composer
- Maps to show composer's birthplace
- Music for each composer
- Listening challenges reinforce vocabulary terms

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky



Dates



1840 - 1893

Birth Place



Russia

- Tchaikovsky wrote two very famous ballets, Swan Lake and The Nutcracker.
- He was the first Russian composer to become famous outside of Russia.
- Tchaikovsky studied law and worked as a government clerk before becoming a full-time composer.



born in Russia in the year 1840.

March of the Toy Soldiers (from The Nutcracker Suite)



Listen



Did you know?

The Nutcracker was not very popular when it debuted. It became a beloved American holiday tradition after a new production came out in 1954.

Listening Challenge



Do you hear the same marching tune come back more than once?

Meet Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

ABOUT PYOTR ILYICH

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BIRTH PLACE
Russia

DATES
1840 - 1893



MUSIC

March of the Toy Soldiers

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1891, Tchaikovsky was invited to conduct at the grand opening of New York's Carnegie Hall.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Why do you think his ballets are still performed all over the world today?

VOCABULARY + CRITICAL THINKING

- Vocabulary terms tied to each period's musical style
- Listening challenges put vocabulary into practice



Have students use vocabulary terms to describe what they hear.

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Eine Kleine Nachtmusik

 **Did you know?**

The title means "a little night music" in German. Mozart originally wrote five movements for this piece, but one of them has since been lost.

 **Listen**

Rondeau from Abdelazer

 **Did you know?**

This melody became famous almost 250 years later when composer Benjamin Britten used it as the theme for "The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra," a piece written to teach kids about the instruments of the orchestra.

 **Listen**

L'Orfeo: Toccata

 **Did you know?**

This piece was played on trumpets to signal the start of the opera, and it was performed three times before the curtain rose.

 **Listen**

Listening Challenge

 Does the opening tune play once, or come back again?

GEOGRAPHY MADE EASY

- Simple maps help students see where each composer was born
- A globe gives context for where each country is located



Use a globe to show students how far the composer's birthplace is to their current location!



Music You Could Buy



In 1501, Ottaviano Petrucci printed the first movable type. Before that, every copy had to be handwritten.

Pineapples as Status Symbols



Pineapples were so rare that most people had never even seen one. A pineapple was a status symbol just to show off at a fancy party.

The Enlightenment

- The Enlightenment was a time when people valued clear thinking and asking questions, instead of just following old traditions.
- These ideas about order and balance can be heard in the clear, organized style of Classical music.
- Some thinkers said that all people deserved equal rights and freedom. These ideas were especially meaningful to composers who had faced unfair treatment in their own lives.

Think About It

How might living during a time that celebrated reason have felt different for a composer who was not a member of the aristocracy?

The Christmas Tree Trend



The first Christmas tree was set up in Germany, where decorating a tree was a tradition. A newspaper printed a picture of the royal family's tree, which was caught on across England.

Cubism



- Artists broke objects apart and showed them from many angles at the same time.
- Shapes looked geometric, like squares and triangles, instead of smooth and realistic.
- Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque led this style in the early 1900s.

DISCOVER DAILY LIFE + ODDITIES IN EACH PERIOD

- Students learn about work, art, food, travel, games, and instruments from each period.



Start a discussion with students about what their lives might have been like if they were born in a different time and place.

Meet Jennifer Higdon

ABOUT JENNIFER

Jennifer Higdon is a composer from the United States who taught herself to play the flute at age 15 using an old instruction book. She didn't start composing music until she was 21 years old. In 2010, she won both the Pulitzer Prize and a Grammy in the same year, for two different pieces.

BIRTH PLACE
United States

DATES
born 1962



MUSIC
Rhythm Stand

DID YOU KNOW?

Growing up, Higdon almost no classical music at home. Her father listened to The Beatles, and

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Higdon didn't start composing until age 21. What do you think she was trying to do? Try something new later than every

Meet Scott Joplin

ABOUT SCOTT

Scott Joplin was a composer from the United States who called the "King of Ragtime" for his fun, bouncy piano music. His piece "Maple Leaf Rag" became one of the most popular pieces in America. He also wrote an opera called *Treemonisha*, which was not fully performed until 55 years after he died.

BIRTH PLACE
United States

DATES
1868 - 1917



MUSIC
Maple Leaf Rag

DID YOU KNOW?

Joplin never won an award for his music while he was alive. He won a Pulitzer Prize decades after he died.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Joplin's music was largely forgotten for decades, then became popular again. Why might older music suddenly find new fans?

Meet Maria Teresa Agnesi Pinottini

ABOUT MARIA TERESA

Agnesi Pinottini was a composer, singer, and harpsichord player from Milan, Italy. She wrote operas and other music during a time when few women were allowed to be professional composers. Her sister, Maria Gaetana, was a famous mathematician.

BIRTH PLACE
Italy

DATES
1720 - 1795



DID YOU KNOW?

Agnesi Pinottini wrote both the music and the story for her opera *Ilia e Saverio*, unusual for the time.



MUSIC
Ilia e Saverio

COMPOSER WORKSHEETS

Each student gets their own worksheet with Did You Know and What Do You Think prompts.



Students can staple completed pages into a full Composer Book or display them.