



Let's Learn About J.S. Bach!

a practice packet for
late elementary piano students

This week you will be learning about famous composer J.S. Bach. Visit the "Classics for Kids" website at www.classicsforkids.com/composers, click on Composers A-Z, then select "Johann Sebastian Bach." Read the short article, then answer the following questions:

1. Between what years did Bach live? _____ to _____

2. In what country did Bach live? _____

3. In what period of history did Bach write? Circle one:

Baroque

Classical

Romantic

Modern

4. What famous composer helped make Bach's music famous?

5. Write down one interesting fact you learned about Bach.



Listening Activity

Brandenburg Concerto **No. 2**

Let's listen to one of Bach's most famous pieces, the first movement from his second *Brandenburg Concerto*. You can find a recording of this piece below the "Classics for Kids" article on Bach, under "Music by Bach."

As you listen, answer the following questions:

1. In what year was this piece written? _____

2. What instruments do you hear in this piece?

3. What is the mood of this piece? How does it make you feel?



Minuet

Theory Worksheet

Now it is your turn to learn an arrangement of a piece from the *Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook*, a collection of pieces written by Bach and other composers that Bach gave to his wife.

Complete the following theory tasks as you practice the piece this week:

1. Circle and identify the time signature and key signature of this piece.
2. Play the scale used in this piece.
3. Write in the counts for the first line of this piece.
4. Name each note in the right hand on the first line of the piece.

Minuet

from the Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook
Arr. Chrissy Ricker

Gracefully

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