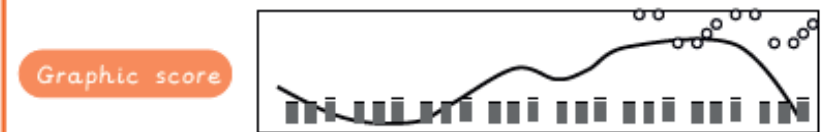


Key Vocabulary

Compose To create an original piece of music.

Notation The way that music is written so that others can play it.



Musical notation helps us to 'write' and 'read' the melodies so they won't be forgotten and can be played by others.

Ensemble A small group of musicians who perform together.

Melody Notes of different pitches played in a sequence to create a tune.

Soundscape A collection of sound effects used to describe a landscape.

Rhythm A pattern of long and short sounds (and silences) within a piece of music.

Composition An original piece of music that has been created.

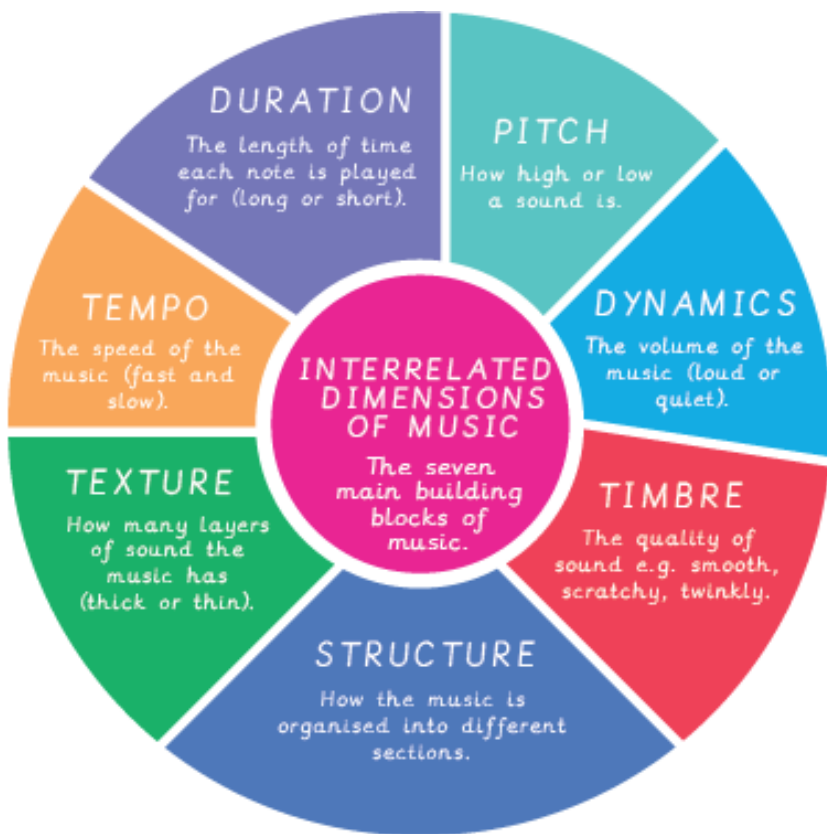
Graphic score A way of writing music down using pictures or symbols, rather than standard music notation.

Theme: Classical Music

Classical music is music that has been composed by musicians who are trained in the art of writing music (composing), such as Mussorgsky, Vivaldi, Beethoven and Holst. The term 'classical music' can also refer to music composed in the classical period of 1750 to 1825.



Musical Elements



Key Composer

'Night on Bare Mountain' by Mussorsky



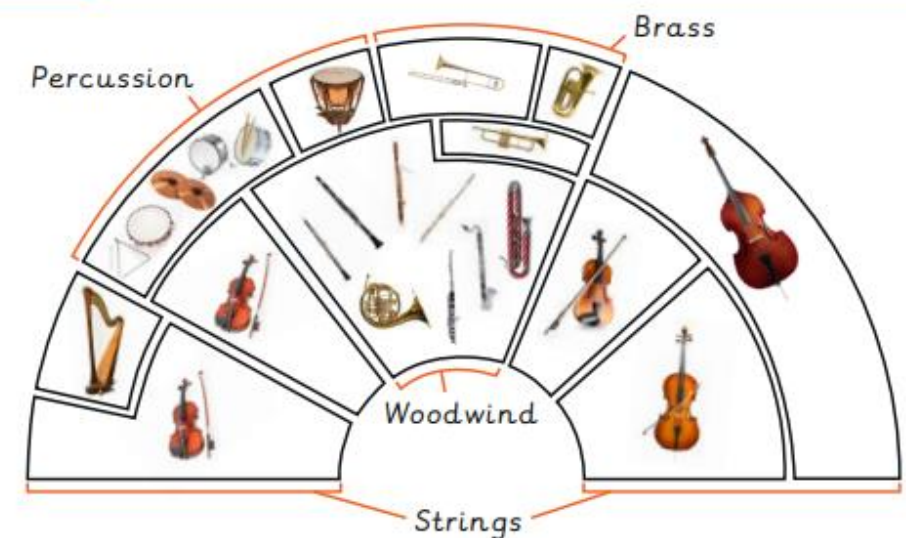
Name: Modest Mussorsky
Nationality: Russian
Born: March 1839
Died: March 1881

A Night On The Bare Mountain describes a short story in which St John sees a witches' Sabbath on the Bald Mountain near Kiev in the old Russian Empire. It's a wild and terrifying party with lots of dancing but when the church bell chimes 6am and the sun comes up the witches vanish.

Modest Mussorgsky wrote a number of different versions of this pieces of music. When he was finally satisfied with it, his music teacher told him it wasn't good enough so he put it aside for years. Eventually his friend and fellow composer Rimsky-Korsakov re-arranged the music for orchestra and this is the piece we know today.

Instruments of the Orchestra

Orchestra A group of instruments that play together.



Strings - Instruments that are played by plucking or bowing strings.

Woodwind - Instruments that make sound by blowing air through a reed or small mouthpiece.

Brass - Instruments that are made of metal and the sound is made by blowing air through a cup-shaped mouthpiece.

Percussion - Instruments that are played by striking, beating or shaking the instrument.