

MUSIC • GRADES 4–5

Famous Composers

Six composers across the history of music

Six composers at a glance

Composer	When	Era	Signature work
Johann Sebastian Bach	1685–1750	Baroque	Brandenburg Concertos
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	1756–1791	Classical	Eine kleine Nachtmusik
Ludwig van Beethoven	1770–1827	Classical / Romantic	Symphony No. 9
Clara Schumann	1819–1896	Romantic	Piano Concerto in A minor
Florence Price	1887–1953	Early modern	Symphony No. 1 in E minor
Hans Zimmer	b. 1957	Film score	The Lion King soundtrack

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1. Pick one composer. Listen to their signature work for two minutes. What did you notice?
2. Which era seems most different from today's pop music? Why?
3. Florence Price was the first Black woman to have a symphony performed by a major US orchestra. Why might that have been a big moment?
4. Which film scores have YOU heard recently? What did the music make you feel?

