



Knowledge Organiser

MUSIC

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French composer **Camille Saint-Saens** was born in Paris on October 9th 1835. From the Swan in Carnival of the Animals to his organ symphony, Saint-Saens was one of the greatest composers that France has produced. Charles-Camille Saint-Saens was raised by his widowed mother and her aunt, who introduced the young Camille to the piano and gave him his first lessons. The boy was a true prodigy, demonstrating perfect pitch at the age of two. He gave his first public concert at five, accompanying a Beethoven violin sonata on the piano. Saint-Saens was 51 when he produced two of his most famous works, The Carnival of the Animals and the Symphony No. 3 'Organ', which was dedicated to Liszt, who died later that year. The Organ Symphony was famously used as the main theme in the 1995 film Babe and its sequel, Babe: Pig in the City. He died in Algiers in 1921. He is buried in the same Paris cemetery as his fellow composers Chabrier and Auric, as well as Cesar Franck. But today, Saint-Saens' music is performed and loved the world over.



Focus piece

Camille Saint-Saens - Carnival of the Animals

Interrelated Dimensions of Music

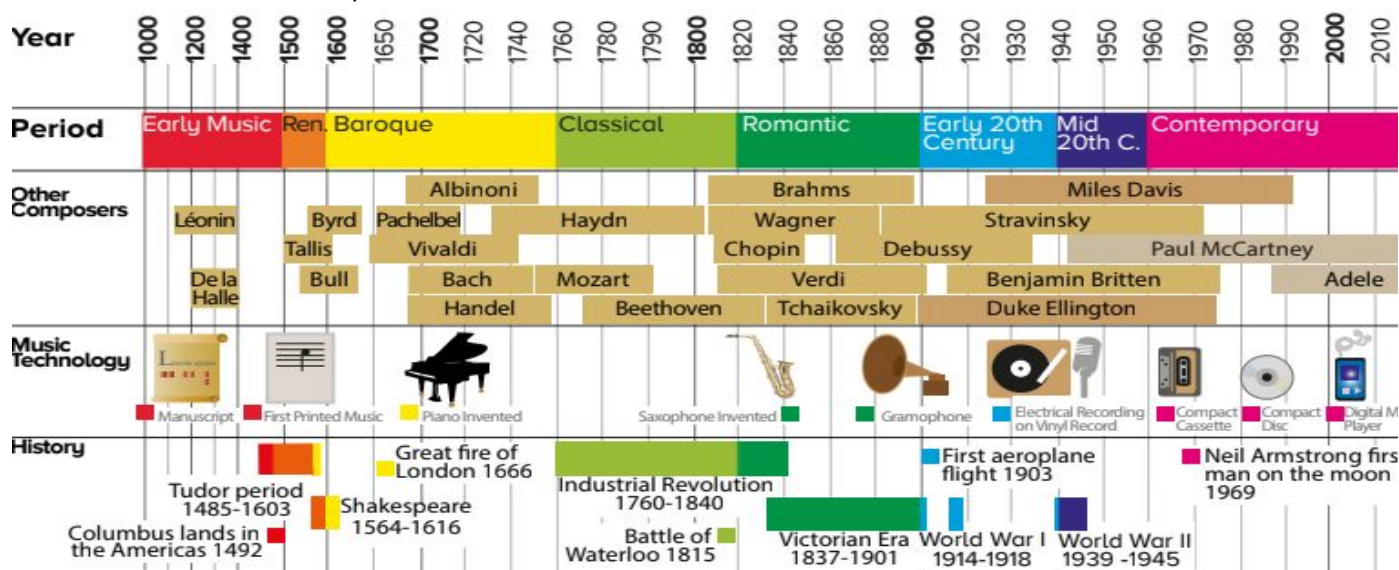
Recognise a steady beat, move to a beat, play a steady beat, recognise accents, the down beat and play a steady beat. Move responsively to music (marching, hopping, walking, swaying etc).

Other pieces of music we will be studying

Clementine, Home on the Range, Make New Friends, The Bear Necessities

Timeline

Saint-Saens was 51 when he produced two of his most famous works in 1886.



Key Vocabulary
Beat - the basic unit of time. Composer - Someone who writes music. Symphony - A composition for orchestra with several movements. Accent - An emphasis placed on a particular note or set of notes. Orchestra - A large group of musicians especially playing a variety of instruments. Prodigy - a young person with exceptional qualities or abilities. Sonata - composition for an instrumental soloist.
Useful websites
www.singup.org Singing Sherlock by Val Whitlock and Shirley Court The Usbourne's Children's Songbook edited by Anthony Marks The National Songbook: Fifty Great songs for Children to Sing!
Sources of planning
National Curriculum, Civitas Core Knowledge