Classical Composer Project

You must write or type one page about the composer of your choice. On the back of this paper is a list you can choose from. When you have chosen your Composer, please give the name to Mr. Contreras for approval.

Your project must include the following information about the composer and please be sure to write in complete sentences and in paragraph form:

- Name of composer

- Years of life

- What country are they from? Where did they live?

- What Cultural Period? Did they know other composers of that time?

- Background information such as: how they got started in music, education and influences.

- What instruments do they play?

- What types of music do they compose? for example: Suite, Opera, Symphony. What instrumentation? For example: orchestra, solo piano, chorus

- List 2 of their most well known compositions

- Include a picture, or portrait drawing, of the composer

- Listen to at least one selection by this composer. Mr. Contreras can help you find one. Youtube is a great resource to listen to something for free. If your parents have an iTunes, Amazon, Spotify, or Pandora account, you can search for your composer on these websites. Whenever possible, Mr. Contreras will play a recording of your composer’s work.

PRESENTATION
You will be asked to give a brief presentation to the class about your composer on the project due date.
List of composers for Composers Project

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Samuel Barber  
Amy Beach  
Ludwig van Beethoven  
Leonard Bernstein  
Hildegard von Bingen  
Georges Bizet  
Alexander Borodin  
Johannes Brahms  
John Cage  
Frédéric Chopin  
Aaron Copeland  
Claude Debussy  
Antonín Dvořák  
Gabriel Fauré  
George Gershwin  
Edvard Grieg  
George Frideric Handel  
Franz Joseph Haydn  
Gustav Holst  
Charles Ives  
Scott Joplin  
Gustav Mahler  
Felix Mendelssohn  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
Modest Mussorgsky  
Ron Nelson  
Charles Orff  
Giovanni Palestrina  
Manuel Ponce  
Francis Poulenc  
Louis Prima  
Sergei Prokofiev  
Giacomo Puccini  
Henry Purcell  
Sergei Rachmaninoff  
Gioachino Rossini  
Domenico Scarlatti  
Franz Schubert  
Robert Schumann  
Clara Schumann  
Dmitri Shostakovich  
John Phillip Sousa  
William Grant Still  
Richard Strauss  
Igor Stravinsky  
Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
Georg Philipp Telemann  
John Williams  
Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Antonio Vivaldi  
Richard Wagner  
Charles Widor  
Ellen T. Zwilich

Links:


http://www.classicsforkids.com/

http://www.nyphilkids.org/gallery/main.phtml

*Google and YouTube are great sources of information as well.