



Summer Tasks July 2019

So, you think you would like to study: Music

Summer Task Title / Instructions:

Listen to the following three pieces of music:

- Haydn: Symphony No 104 in D major 'London', 1st movement (0:02-9:11 on the YouTube clip below)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OitPLIowJ70&t=365s>

- What mood is created in the slow introduction? How does this change in the main section?
- Identify three features of this movement that you find interesting (with detailed justification).
- This movement is in Sonata Form, with an added slow introduction. What is Sonata Form and what are the main structural components of this form?
- Write a paragraph outlining the circumstances in which Haydn came to compose this symphony.

- Debussy: Noctures – No.1 'Nuages'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEpzZjB6_D4

- Nuages is the French word for 'clouds'. In what way(s) does the music reflect the title?
- How would you describe the dynamics and dynamic contrast within the piece?
- Identify four differences between this piece and the Haydn. Justify your answer with reference to musical elements and specific timings within each where necessary
- This piece of music is described as 'Impressionist'. What do you think that this might mean?
- Impressionism is also a really important movement in art. Have a look at some of Monet's paintings of waterlilies. How do you think the music and paintings are linked?

- Genesis: Musical Box, from the album 'Nursery Cryme'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7X_3yOUKSOc

- This is clearly not your average 3 minute pop song. Apart from being 10 minutes long, identify four ways in which this is not a standard pop song.
- How do Genesis create contrast between different sections of the song?
- Genesis are regarded as a Prog Rock band. Write a paragraph about what Prog Rock is and how it developed. Identify other important bands working in this genre and their most important tracks.

Suggested Visit: Go and see a concert of classical music played by a full orchestra – for example go to a Promenade Concert at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Failing this, listen to at least two Proms on radio 3.

Additional Task:

Prepare a performance of between 3 and 5 minutes on the instrument of your choice to be performed in class during the first 2 weeks.

Please submit the task to your teacher on the first lesson in September. Feel free to do multiple summer tasks if you are unsure on what subjects to study.