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# Meet The Great Composers, Bk 1: Book & CD (Learning Link)



## Synopsis

Each unit on a famous composer takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and can be used in group teaching, home school or as an assignment for individual upper elementary or middle school students. The Classroom Kit contains the book and CD combo and reproducible activity sheets. The companion repertoire book contains simplified arrangements of famous themes.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This workbook and CD are a great tool for introducing children (and their parents!!) to the major periods in Music History, as well as the great composers of each period. The workbook includes interesting information and a one-page worksheet on each composer. The accompanying CD contains awesome examples of the work of these great composers.

I have been looking for a teaching tool about the composers and music periods. This surpasses all expectations. It is concise, well written and has fun short activities for kids to do about each composer. I also liked the range of composers listed. I would recommend it for readers 2nd/3rd grade+highly recommended!

On one hand, the book is good. On the other hand, the CD isn't all that great. The book provides good information about the composers. The worksheets are fun. The book is well organized. The CD

has pieces that aren't well known themes. In the book it lists the pieces each composer is known for. The pieces on the CD aren't reflective of that. For Bach it has "Invention in A Minor". Why not play the Ave Maria, or Jesu, Joy of Man's Desirings, or Toccata and Fugue in D minor? Those pieces were listed as Bach's famous works.

I bought this book (and book 1) when starting a "Composer of the Month" unit at the two schools I teach music at. These books have provided some nice worksheets and resources to reduce the amount of time preparing for each composer. It covers a wide variety of composers.

Granted, if you paid for the book and CD, you should get them both. However, this is a valuable resource and interesting workbook for all ages just by itself. It contains many pictures, short histories of the composers and a puzzle or game about each one. Children and adults like this and I have used this for teaching for years.

I use this with Meet the Great Composers Book 1 for my homeschoolers. The CD that came with is nice to have, but I use youtube to find most of the music. There are great pages inside to help kids understand the lives of the composers. I usually print off each composer for each kid. I teach 5 kids ages 8 -17 so this is good for a range of ages. The 8 year old needs help with the work, but the rest do fine on their own.

I'm really enjoying this book for my 7 and 9 year old children. We do the activities orally so that I can use this book for multiple children. I only wish my copy had the cd. I purchased this used and the cd was missing. I have been able to find the suggested listening on youtube. There is just the right amount of information on each composer.

I've gotten both Book 1 and 2 for my daughter, and she used one in 6th grade and one in 7th, and she loves them. These really make composers interesting to kids, and you can use them as a jumping off point for further study. The CD that comes with each book is very easy to use and is of high quality as well.

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