

MUSIC RESEARCH PROJECT

Due Monday January 11, 2020

In October of 2020, Classic FM publicized an article titled “**10 pieces of classical music that will 100% change your life.**” The link to that article can be found [here](#). I’d like for you to choose one of these pieces and do a research project on it. Share your findings via google slides or a powerpoint presentation. You could even do a prezi or a magazine article type format.

The list of pieces:

J.S. Bach - St. Matthew Passion
Tchaikovsky - Symphony No. 6
G. Mahler - Symphony No. 2
L.V. Beethoven - Grosse Fuge
W. A. Mozart - Requiem
C. Monteverdi - Vespers
E. Elgar - Cello Concerto
G. Wagner - The Ring Cycle
Richter - Vivaldi: Recomposed
H. Gorecki - Symphony No. 3

Alternative Choices

Winterreise (Song Cycle by Schubert)
Verklarte Nacht - A. Schoenberg (movements 4-5)
Rusalka - Opera by A. Dvorak
Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune - C. Debussy
Rite of Spring - I. Stravinsky
Pierrot Lunaire - A. Schoenberg
Piano Concerto No. 2 - S. Rachmaninov
Symphony No. 2 III. Adagio - S. Rachmaninov
Piano Etudes - A. Scriabin
Carmen - Bizet

Things to include in your work:

Short Bio of the composer (dates, early life, music education, adult life, love interests, etc.)

Information about the piece:

When it was composed. First performance?

What is the instrumentation, structure?

What is it about/what inspired it?

If it is a vocal piece, provide the text and translation if in another language

What makes this piece difficult?

Has it been transcribed for other instruments? Has it been used in any famous movies/tv shows?

Why is it so significant?

What are your thoughts on the piece?

Include a link to a performance (recorded or live). Preferably, embed a Youtube video of the piece in your presentation.

Include your sources!