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The history of Wolfgang Mozart is important to musicians and the instruments from his time. Mozart was upheld as a genius and one of the best composers of all time due to his dedication to making music. He has written many famous pieces that are still being played today, being a composer requires a lot of versatility to write coherent notes for various instruments. It meant understanding music to the finest level and being able to perform it. What makes Mozart a prominent person of musical history is how his pieces sway the masses through his emotional writing.

"20 Piano Classics Every Student Should Learn." *Musicnotes Now*, 15 July 2019, [www.musicnotes.com/now/tips/20-piano-classics-every-student-should-learn/](http://www.musicnotes.com/now/tips/20-piano-classics-every-student-should-learn/).

These are a list of songs I should look at for my piano playing skill level. The songs are classics so they should be recognizable by the crowd. The good thing about classical music is that people won't recognize the name but they may know the composer and tune. These songs should touch people's hearts. There are various songs on the list that have different tones, so I can steer the performance in any emotional direction. Once I pass the beginner phase of playing the piano, these songs will be the ones I look at to achieve the intermediate level.

"How to Compose Music - Lesson 1 - How to Write a Melody." *YouTube*, 21 Mar. 2012, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWbH1bhQZSw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWbH1bhQZSw).

This video explains the concepts of music and the various technicalities that go along with creating it. The video shows 5 different levels of explaining these technicalities which is important for my performance. Music goes deeper than playing an instrument, a lot of theoretical work goes into performing it. That's why music is much deeper than what the average person hears, having a deeper understanding of music theory broadens the spectrum of sound. It's important to be able to explain a complex thing in many different ways because when I perform to the public, those of all ages and music knowledge will be watching.

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Edwards, Phil. "Who Invented the Piano? And Why Was He Forgotten?" *Vox, Vox*, 4 May 2015, [www.vox.com/2015/5/4/8539727/piano-invented-bartolomeo-cristofori](http://www.vox.com/2015/5/4/8539727/piano-invented-bartolomeo-cristofori).

It's important to learn the history of the piano and its creator. Bartolomeo Cristofori was the creator and sole inventor of the piano. The first record of the piano coming into existence is in the early 1700s. His creation beat the harpsichord which was another keyboard instrument and was favored by the masses. What the piano brought to the table was being able to play sounds at different volumes. Since a string is connected to a hammer that hits the keys to make the sound, it was able to have a degree of softness or loudness. The harpsichord could not do this so the piano solved a problem that musicians have been planning to solve.

"The Classical Period." *THE CLASSICAL PERIOD (1775-1825)*, [cmed.faculty.ku.edu/private/classical.html](http://cmed.faculty.ku.edu/private/classical.html).

The classical music era ran approximately 1775 to 1825. This era was deemed classical because it was the height of interest of art and literature of Greece and Rome. The musical scene came about as it reflected what was going on during the times. Composers of the highest caliber came from this era such as Mozart, Beethoven, and Bach to name the few. The unique sound from this era was prevalent due to the focus of elegance and restraint in the music. Composers from this era crafted the necessary techniques to control emotions through music. Royalty and the public citizens held music to the highest standard during this period.

"Why Does Music Make You Emotional?" *YouTube*, 17 Jan. 2019, [youtu.be/dG8rvxEDgCU](https://youtu.be/dG8rvxEDgCU).

This video shows the studies of music and how it can affect a person's emotions. Study shows that when music is being listened to it can change the perspective of the person. This is an influence on emotions and the brain. The specific parts of the brain that controls emotions are the amygdala, nucleus accumbens, and the hippocampus. These parts are the most active when music is being listened to. Researchers have found that listening to songs can stimulate the areas of the brain that connects to memories. Which is also another reason for how music can bring a lot of emotions to life.

Onotera, Steve-san. "How To Improve Your Stage Presence." *YouTube*, 4 July 2017, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2M346F53-g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2M346F53-g).

This video shows how to improve stage presence for performing music. Specifically, the tips should be useful for playing the piano. It will help me reflect on my position as a performer and needs to be done cleanly. This will improve the quality of my playing which will catch the attention of the audience. Performance is a big part of the project. Playing with a lot of emotion will increase my stage presence while maintaining focus. It's important that the audience feels what I feel.

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"How To Read Sheet Music: Step-by-Step Instructions." *Musicnotes Now*, 23 July 2019, [www.musicnotes.com/now/tips/how-to-read-sheet-music/](http://www.musicnotes.com/now/tips/how-to-read-sheet-music/).

This is one of the resources I used to understand music notes and how to read them. I learned to read the notes of many different clefs. A clef is a type of category that music is in. They are for different types of instruments and they can all be translated into a different clef. What's interesting about music notes, is that there are many different symbols that represent various amount of things. Things such as rests, time signatures, and tempos. Each note represents a letter in the alphabet that is represented by the placement of the note on the lines. There are other minuscule things like ties which bring notes together, sharps and flats.

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This is a video of how to compose a song, it is important that I understand how music is made. Having an idea of what the composers who wrote their many songs go through could help me understand the process. A lot of thought goes into different sections of a song, for example like the chorus and how it sounds. All of the great composers started somewhere. There are tone-setting ideas to show the melody and harmony of the song. This is important for me to learn because I want to include a song of my own for the performance