

# Composer Biography

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## Directions:

Choose one composer whose work you have rehearsed this year, and write a one-paragraph biography about them, answering at least the following questions. Additional details are great, if you can find them!

For living composers, try checking publisher websites. Many of them will have composer biographies.

- When were they born? (For deceased composers, give both birth and death dates.)
- Where do/did they live?
- What kind of musical groups does/did this composer write for? (Choir, band, orchestra, solo voice or instrument, small ensembles?)
- Do they do anything else in addition to writing music? (Do they teach, or conduct an ensemble, or have a totally different day job?)

Listen to at least two additional pieces by the same composer. List their titles below:

1.

2.

Discuss at least one similarity or difference you hear between the piece you've rehearsed and the two new ones you've listened to. If you played all three pieces for a friend, do you think they'd know they were written by the same composer? Why or why not?