

Musical Masterminds: The World of Composers

Step into the concert hall and discover the magic behind the music!

- A composer is a person who writes original music by choosing specific notes, rhythms, and instruments to create a piece.
- Composers record their ideas using a musical score, which acts like a map for the musicians to follow during a performance.
- Dynamics are used by composers to tell the orchestra how loudly or softly to play, helping to build tension or create calm.
- Tempo is the speed of the music; a composer can change the tempo to make a piece feel fast and exciting or slow and thoughtful.
- Zara the Zebra loves to see patterns in music, just like she sees patterns in art; many composers use repeating motifs to make their melodies memorable.

Did you know? Did you know that some composers like to write music inspired by nature? A composer might use high, chirping flute notes to sound like a bird, or deep, rumbling double basses to sound like a thunderstorm!

Key vocabulary: Composer · Score · Orchestra · Notation · Melody · Rhythm · Tempo · Dynamics