Music Theory Curriculum

Grade 9-12: Unit 3

The Romantic Period
Course Description

The study of music theory is needed in part because it gives greater understanding to all music, past and present. This course, Music Theory, is an exploration about where the music in the Western tradition came from and how it has changed over the centuries from ancient times to the present. This course is focused on the musical works, styles, and genres, an ideas that has proven most influential, enduring, and significant. It also encompasses a wide range of music, from religious to secular, from serious to humorous, from art music to popular, and from Europe to the Americas. This course will bring several themes to the fore:

- the people who created, performed, heard, and paid for this music;
- the choices they made and why they made them;
- what they value most in the music;
- how those choices reflected both tradition and innovation.

Students will survey the continuum of musical history in Western Civilization starting from Antiquity, Medieval Time, Renaissance, than focusing on historical and cultural developments in each centuries: Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth/Twenty-First. Main stylistic, cultural, political and historical trends of the period will be discussed to place musical events within their cultural and historical context. Although discussions of the pieces requires no knowledge of musical notation, all of the content is taught with an aural component with the aim to foster the development of aural skills that lead to an understanding of music.
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Educational Technology Standards


- **Technology Operations and Concepts**
  - Create a personal digital portfolio which reflects personal and academic interests, achievements, and career aspirations by using a variety of digital tools and resources.
  - Produce and edit a multi-page digital document for a commercial or professional audience and present it to peers and/or professionals in that related area for review.

- **Creativity and Innovation**
  - Apply previous content knowledge by creating and piloting a digital learning game or tutorial.

- **Communication and Collaboration**
  - Develop an innovative solution to a real world problem or issue in collaboration with peers and experts, and present ideas for feedback through social media or in an online community.

- **Digital Citizenship**
  - Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.
  - Evaluate consequences of unauthorized electronic access and disclosure, and on dissemination of personal information.
  - Compare and contrast policies on filtering and censorship both locally and globally.

- **Research and Information Literacy**
  - Produce a position statement about a real world problem by developing a systematic plan of investigation with peers and experts synthesizing information from multiple sources.

- **Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Decision Making**
  - Evaluate the strengths and limitations of emerging technologies and their impact on educational, career, personal and or social needs.
CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee

Career-ready individuals understand the obligations and responsibilities of being a member of a community, and they demonstrate this understanding every day through their interactions with others. They are conscientious of the impacts of their decisions on others and the environment around them. They think about the near-term and long-term consequences of their actions and seek to act in ways that contribute to the betterment of their teams, families, community and workplace. They are reliable and consistent in going beyond the minimum expectation and in participating in activities that serve the greater good.

CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.

Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive. They make connections between abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation.
CRP3. Attend to personal health and financial well-being.

Career-ready individuals understand the relationship between personal health, workplace performance and personal well-being; they act on that understanding to regularly practice healthy diet, exercise and mental health activities. Career-ready individuals also take regular action to contribute to their personal financial wellbeing, understanding that personal financial security provides the peace of mind required to contribute more fully to their own career success.

CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.

Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas, and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal, and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others’ time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice, and organization, and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas. They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and with purpose. Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome.

CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.

Career-ready individuals understand the interrelated nature of their actions and regularly make decisions that
positively impact and/or mitigate negative impact on other people, organization, and the environment. They are aware of and utilize new technologies, understandings, procedures, materials, and regulations affecting the nature of their work as it relates to the impact on the social condition, the environment and the profitability of the organization.

**CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.**

Career-ready individuals regularly think of ideas that solve problems in new and different ways, and they contribute those ideas in a useful and productive manner to improve their organization. They can consider unconventional ideas and suggestions as solutions to issues, tasks or problems, and they discern which ideas and suggestions will add greatest value. They seek new methods, practices, and ideas from a variety of sources and seek to apply those ideas to their own workplace. They take action on their ideas and understand how to bring innovation to an organization.

**CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies.**

Career-ready individuals are discerning in accepting and using new information to make decisions, change practices or inform strategies. They use reliable research process to search for new information. They evaluate the validity of sources when considering the use and adoption of external information or practices in their
workplace situation.

CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
Career-ready individuals readily recognize problems in the workplace, understand the nature of the problem, and devise effective plans to solve the problem. They are aware of problems when they occur and take action quickly to address the problem; they thoughtfully investigate the root cause of the problem prior to introducing solutions. They carefully consider the options to solve the problem. Once a solution is agreed upon, they follow through to ensure the problem is solved, whether through their own actions or the actions of others.

CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
Career-ready individuals consistently act in ways that align personal and community-held ideals and principles while employing strategies to positively influence others in the workplace. They have a clear understanding of integrity and act on this understanding in every decision. They use a variety of means to positively impact the directions and actions of a team or organization, and they apply insights into human behavior to change others’ action, attitudes and/or beliefs. They recognize the near-term and long-term effects that management’s actions and attitudes can have on productivity, morals and organizational culture.
CRP10. Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.

Career-ready individuals take personal ownership of their own education and career goals, and they regularly act on a plan to attain these goals. They understand their own career interests, preferences, goals, and requirements. They have perspective regarding the pathways available to them and the time, effort, experience and other requirements to pursue each, including a path of entrepreneurship. They recognize the value of each step in the education and experiential process, and they recognize that nearly all career paths require ongoing education and experience. They seek counselors, mentors, and other experts to assist in the planning and execution of career and personal goals.

CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.

Career-ready individuals find and maximize the productive value of existing and new technology to accomplish workplace tasks and solve workplace problems. They are flexible and adaptive in acquiring new technology. They are proficient with ubiquitous technology applications. They understand the inherent risks-personal and organizational-of technology applications, and they take actions to prevent or mitigate these risks.
CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.

Career-ready individuals positively contribute to every team, whether formal or informal. They apply an awareness of cultural difference to avoid barriers to productive and positive interaction. They find ways to increase the engagement and contribution of all team members. They plan and facilitate effective team meetings.

# Differentiated Instruction

## Accommodate Based on Students' Individual Needs: Strategies

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<td>- Extra time for assigned tasks</td>
<td>- Extra Response time</td>
<td>- Comprehension</td>
<td>- Teacher-made checklist</td>
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<td>- Adjust length of assignment</td>
<td>- Have students verbalize steps</td>
<td>- Precise step-by-step directions</td>
<td>- Use visual graphic organizers</td>
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<td>- Timeline with due dates for reports and projects</td>
<td>- Repeat, clarify or reword directions</td>
<td>- Short manageable tasks</td>
<td>- Reference resources to promote independence</td>
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<td>- Communication system between home and school</td>
<td>- Mini-breaks between tasks</td>
<td>- Brief and concrete directions</td>
<td>- Visual and verbal reminders</td>
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<td>- Provide lecture notes/outline</td>
<td>- Provide a warning for transitions</td>
<td>- Provide immediate feedback</td>
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<td>- Reading partners</td>
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<td>- Computer/whiteboard</td>
<td>- Extended time</td>
<td>- Consistent daily structured routine</td>
<td>- Individual daily planner</td>
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<td>- Tape recorder</td>
<td>- Study guides</td>
<td>- Simple and clear classroom rules</td>
<td>- Display a written agenda</td>
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<td>- Spell-checker</td>
<td>- Shortened tests</td>
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Enrichment

Accommodate Based on Students individual Needs: Strategies

- Adaptation of Material and Requirements
- Evaluate Vocabulary
- Elevated Text Complexity
- Additional Projects
- Independent Student Options
- Projects completed individual or with Partners
- Self Selection of Research
- Tiered/Multilevel Activities
- Learning Centers
- Individual Response Board
- Independent Book Studies
- Open-ended activities
- Community/Subject expert mentor-ships
Assessments

- Listening Outlines
- Drag and Drop Items
- Multiple-Choice Items
- Timelines
- Maps
- Charts
- Graphic Organizers
- DBQ, Essays
- Oral Report
- Role Playing
- Multiple Response Strategies (Response Card, Whip-around, Think-Pair-Share, Table Talk, Quick Response, Oral/Choral Response, White Boards)
- Concept Mapping
- Short/Extended Constructed Response Items
- Quizzes
- Journal Entries/Reflections/Quick-Writes
- Accountable talk
- Projects
- Portfolios
- Observation
- Graphic Organizers/ Concept Mapping
- Presentations
- Homework
Interdisciplinary Connections

English Language Arts & History/Social Studies Grades 9-10 Common Core Standards Key Ideas and Details:

RH.9-10.1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.

RH.9-10.3: Analyze in detail a series of events described in a text; determine whether earlier events caused later ones

English Language Arts Standards

WHST.9 – 10.1 a-e: Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

WHST.9-10.2 a-f: Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.

Production and Distribution of Writing:

WHST.9-10.4: Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

WHST.9-10.7: Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

WHST.9-10.8: Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

WHST.9-10.9: Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
**Grade: 9-12**  
**Unit: III**  
The Romantic Period

**Topic Description:**  
In this unit, students will explore the materials and masterworks of great music from the Romantic Period and continue to foster the development of aural skills that lead to an understanding of Western music. Students will analyze the form, function, craftsmanship, and originality of representative works of Romantic music and examine the role that composers of the time had in affecting established or emergent forms of musical expression. Main stylistic, cultural, political and historical trends of the period will be discussed to place musical events within their cultural and historical context. All of the content will be taught with an aural component with an expectation that students will aurally identify characteristics of Romantic Music and the representative pieces of the era.

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**Music, New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJCCCS):**

1.1.12.B.1 Examine how aspects of meter, rhythm, tonality, intervals, chords, and harmonic progressions are organized and manipulated to establish unity and variety in genres of musical compositions.
1.1.12.B.2 Synthesize knowledge of the elements of music in the deconstruction of complex musical scores from diverse cultural contexts.
1.2.12.A.1 Determine how dance, music, theatre, and visual art have influenced world cultures throughout history.
1.2.12.A.2 Justify the impact of innovations in the arts (e.g., the availability of music online) on societal norms and habits of mind in various historical eras.
1.3.12.B.1 Analyze compositions from different world cultures and genres with respect to technique, musicality, and stylistic nuance.
1.3.12.B.2 Analyze how the elements of music are manipulated in original or prepared musical scores.
1.4.12.A.1 Use contextual clues to differentiate between unique and common properties and to discern the cultural implications of works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
1.4.12.A.2 Speculate on the artist's intent, using discipline-specific arts terminology and citing embedded clues to substantiate the hypothesis.
1.4.12.A.3 Develop informed personal responses to an assortment of artworks using historical significance, craftsmanship, cultural context, and originality as criteria for assigning value to the works.
1.4.12.A.4 Evaluate how exposure to various cultures influences individual, emotional, intellectual, and kinesthetic responses to artwork.
1.4.12.B.1 Formulate criteria for arts evaluation using the principles of positive critique and observation of the elements of art and principles of
design, and use the criteria to evaluate works of dance, music, theatre, visual, and multimedia artwork from diverse cultural contexts and historical eras.

1.4.12.B.2 Evaluate how an artist's technical proficiency may affect the creation or presentation of a work of art, as well as how the context in which a work is performed or shown may impact perceptions of its significance/meaning.

1.4.12.B.3 Determine the role of art and art-making in a global society by analyzing the influence of technology on the visual, performing, and multimedia arts for consumers, creators, and performers around the world.

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| • Analyze major cultural and historic events and technological innovations that parallel the development of arts in the Romantic period. 1.2.12.A.1; 1.2.12.A.2 | ▪ What were the major cultural and historic events that influenced the art-making between 1820 and 1900? | **The Romantic Era** [http://www.ipl.org/div/mushist/rom/index.htm](http://www.ipl.org/div/mushist/rom/index.htm) | - Create a blog as if you were a key figure during the Romantic period and write two different posts on cultural issues  
- Explain the differences, if any, between the Classical and the Romantic periods in each of the following areas: Economic conditions, Social life, Education, Costume, and Music  
- Compare classicism and romanticism. |
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| Analyze the role of music in society during the Romantic period 1.2.12.A.1; 1.4.12.A.1 1.4.12.A.3; 1.4.12.A.4 | • How was the politics and culture of the time reflected in Romantic music?  
• What was the role of composer in the Romantic period? | Composers During the Romantic Period  
http://musiced.about.com/od/medievalto20thcentury/a/Music-Forms-And-Composers.htm | - Journal: Write a journal entry from the perspective of being a musician in the Romantic period  
- Journal: Write a journal entry from the perspective of being a member of the public during a concert in the Romantic period  
- Travel Blog: Create a travel blog in which you address social, political, cultural and economic conditions in Europe between 1820 and 1900. Place an emphasis on the role of music in society. |
| Analyze the role of Romantic composers and their public 1.2.12.A.1 | | | |
| Analyze the form, texture and the style of Art Song 1.1.12.B.1; 1.1.12.B.2; 1.3.12.B.1 | • What is the song cycle?  
• What is a through-composed form?  
• What is a strophic form? | The Lied and Song Texts Page  
http://www.recmusic.org/lieder/  
The Art of French Song  
http://www.lafolia.com/archive/mrichter/mrichter199908french.html | - Define the terms melodie, lied and chanson.  
- Listen to and analyze the form and the use of the elements of music in Schubert’s Erlkonig  
- Research project: What modern popular music albums might be considered |
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<td>Examine the role Franz Schubert had in affecting established of emergent forms of musical expression 1.4.12.A.1</td>
<td>How did Schubert affect established and emergent form of musical expression? What were his most important musical accomplishments?</td>
<td>Mélodie, a historical overview of the genre <a href="http://www.answers.com/topic/melodie">http://www.answers.com/topic/melodie</a></td>
<td>- Journal: Write a journal entry from the perspective of being Franz Schubert</td>
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<td>What were his most important musical pieces?</td>
<td>Franz Schubert, a biography <a href="http://www.classical.net/music/composer/">http://www.classical.net/music/composer/</a></td>
<td>- Social Media Activity: Create a twitter, Tumblr, or Facebook for Franz Schubert</td>
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<td>Notes on Franz Schubert <a href="http://www.notesonfranzschubert.com/schubert.htm">http://www.notesonfranzschubert.com/schubert.htm</a></td>
<td>- Listen to the following pieces and analyze the composer’s craftsmanship and originality: Schubert, The Erlking Schubert, Doe Forelle (the Trout) Schubert, Piano Quintet in A Major, fourth movement</td>
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<td>Links to Franz Schubert Web Sites <a href="http://www.vanderbilt.edu/~cyrus/schub.htm">http://www.vanderbilt.edu/~cyrus/schub.htm</a></td>
<td>- Journal: Write a journal entry from the perspective of being Robert Schumann</td>
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- Robert Schumann, midi files of Schumann’s music \[http://www.classicalmidiconnection.com/cmc/schumann.html\] | - Write a short story using historical facts and fiction about Schumann’s life, loves, and his works.  
- Social Media Activity: Create a twitter, Tumblr, or Facebook for Robert Schumann  
- Listen to the following pieces and analyze the composer’s craftsmanship and originality:  
  Schumann, *Chiarina*  
  Schumann, *Estrella*  
- Journal: Write a journal entry from the perspective of being a female composer in the 19th century  
- Social Media Activity: Create a twitter, Tumblr, or Facebook for Clara Wieck Schumann. |
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<td>- Listen to the following pieces and analyze the composer’s craftsmanship and originality: Clara Schumann, <em>Liebst du um Schonheit</em> (If you love for beaty)</td>
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<td>• Examine the role Frederic Chopin had in affecting musical expression of the era</td>
<td>How did Chopin affect established and emergent form of musical expression? What were his most important musical accomplishments?</td>
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<td>- Listen to the following pieces and analyze the composer’s craftsmanship and originality:</td>
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<td>1.4.12.A.1; 1.4.12.A.2;</td>
<td>What were his most important musical pieces</td>
<td>Fryderyk Chopin, a site created by the Frederick Chopin Society in Warsaw <a href="http://en.chopin.nifc.pl/chopin/links/detail/page/5/id/5">http://en.chopin.nifc.pl/chopin/links/detail/page/5/id/5</a></td>
<td>- Chopin, <em>Nocturne in E Flat</em>, Op. 9, No. 2</td>
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<td>• Listen to and analyze musical selections to discern use of the elements of music that are specific to the works of Chopin</td>
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<td>Chopin Early Editions, digitized images <a href="http://chopin.lib.uchicago.edu/">http://chopin.lib.uchicago.edu/</a></td>
<td>- Chopin, <em>Etude in C Minor</em>, Op. 10, No. 12</td>
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| Examine the role Franz Liszt had in affecting musical expression of the era 1.4.12.A.1 | • How did Liszt affect established and emergent form of musical expression? What were his most important musical accomplishments?  
• What were his most important musical pieces | The Franz Liszt Page, biography, sound files and an animation of the artist. [http://www.d-vista.com/OTHER/franzliszt.html](http://www.d-vista.com/OTHER/franzliszt.html)  
Franz Liszt, biography [http://www.classical.net/music/composer/](http://www.classical.net/music/composer/) | - Listen to the following piece and analyze the composer’s craftsmanship and originality:  
Liszt, *Transcendental Etude No. 10 in F Minor* |
| Listen to and analyze musical selections to discern use of the elements of music that are specific to the works of Liszt 1.4.12.A.1; 1.4.12.A.2; 1.4.12.A.3; 1.4.12.A.4; | | | - Project: Present a hypothetical timeline that describes Chopin’s typical day, from morning to nighttime in Paris. |
| Nationalism | Chromatic harmony | Art song | Etude | Program |
| Exoticism | Rubato | Postlude | Polonaise | Song cycle |
| Program music | Thematic transformation | Strophic form | Pentatonic scale | Nocturne |
| | | Through-composed | leitmotif | Idée fixe |
## Unit Project

### Unit Project (Suggested)

Find (rent or borrow from your local library) videos of operas by two different romantic composers. View them both, and then compare the two operas in the following ways:

- Themes
- Characters
- Relationship between text and music
- Melody: aria and recitative or continuous melody?
- Harmony
- Relationship between orchestral accompaniment and vocal melody: does one composer place more importance on the orchestral accompaniment?
## Rubric(s)

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<td>Refers to <strong>three or more</strong> musical elements with accurate, descriptive and supportive evidence along with relevant connections to the musical excerpt(s)</td>
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| 80-89  | Refers to **at least three** musical elements with **somewhat** accurate, descriptive and supportive evidence along with generally relevant connections to the musical excerpt(s)  
**OR**  
Refers to **at least three** musical elements, **one with** accurate, descriptive and supportive evidence along with relevant connections to the musical excerpt(s) and **the other(s) without** descriptive or supportive evidence or relevant connections to the musical excerpt(s) |
| 70-79  | Refers to **at least two** musical elements with **somewhat** accurate, descriptive and supportive evidence along with generally relevant connections to the musical excerpt(s)  
**OR**  
Refers to **at least two** musical elements, **one with** accurate, descriptive and supportive evidence along with relevant connections to the musical excerpt(s) and **the other(s) without** descriptive or supportive evidence or relevant connections to the musical excerpt(s) |
| 60-69  | Refers to **only one** musical element **without** descriptive or supportive evidence or relevant connections to the musical excerpt(s) |
| Below 60 | Response is illegible  
**OR**  
Response doesn’t meet any of the above criteria  
**OR**  
Response is inappropriate to topic  
**OR**  
No response |
Field Trip Ideas: Attend a concert and write a concert report.

Following are some of the suggested venues in New Jersey:

- **Count Basie Theatre**, 99 Monmouth St., Red Bank, NJ 07701
- **Bergen PAC**, 30 North Van Brunt St., Englewood, NJ 07631
- **Peak Performances at Montclair State University**, One Normal Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043