

BAROQUE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

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ACTIVITY 1

TEXT:

The _____ of _____ music changed during the _____ Era. It became just as important as _____ music, both in _____ and _____. Many new _____ occurred in the instrumental world, for example, the _____ of basso continuo _____. This texture involves one or more _____ instruments performing a bass _____ and a _____ instrument playing _____ (usually the _____). The melody sounds on _____ of them, played by _____ instruments. Other _____ of instrumental music were the use of _____ and thematic variations.

5. Baroque Instruments.

Match the pictures and the definitions.



1. Organs were mostly associated with church music and used as solo instruments or accompaniment instruments. A vast growth in organ literature took place during this period.

2. The harpsichord usually had two manuals or keyboards. It could not produce dynamics. The harpsichord was the main instrument employed in the basso continuo. It is one of the most distinctive sounds of the Baroque Era and was the most favored instrument in solo music.

3. The new violin family of instruments slowly replaced the preceding viol family. A typical string quartet was formed by two violins, a viola and a cello. There were string orchestras.

6. Listen to the 3 instruments and write down the order in which you hear them.

1st
2nd
3rd