HISTORY OF MUSIC.

MUSIC IN THE PREHISTORY AND ANCIENT TIMES:

The ancient flute made of bone.

It is probable that the first musical instrument was the human voice, whistles, clapping hands, making noises with sticks... In 2008 archaeologists discovered a bone flute in a cave in Germany. It is considered to be about 35,000 years old. The five-holed flute was made from a vulture wing bone.

MUSIC IN GREECE:

In Greece, music was an important part of ancient Greek theatre. Their choruses sang for entertainment, celebration and spiritual reasons. There were wind and string instruments like the lyre and kithara. . Music was an important part of education in ancient Greece, and boys studied music starting at age of six.

Music in Ancient Greece

Musicians in the Middle Ages.

MEDIEVAL MUSIC:

The most important written repertory of music was religious music of the Roman Catholic Church, the largest part of it is called 'Gregorian chant'. Pope Gregory I gave his name to this musical repertory, written in latin and sang in churches.

Much of the surviving music of that time are special songs from troubadours like ballades... (narrative poems or songs about medieval adventures and romances). Troubadours also played different instruments.

Music in the Rennaisance.

MUSIC IN RENNAISANCE:

It was born in northern Europe (north of France, the Netherlands and Belgium). By the middle of the 15th century, composers and singers spreaded this music across Europe, specially into Italy. This music was listened in churches, palaces, castles, villages...

The invention of printing press had an immense influence on the dissemination of musical styles. The most famous type of composition was **'the madrigal'**.

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Singing and playing in a palace.

BAROQUE MUSIC:

The Baroque was very famous from 1600 to 1750 across Europe. Baroque music began with operas (vocal music accompanied by an orchestra) and concerts for different types of instrumentes like strings, brass, woodwinds and keyboards (organ, piano...). One of most famous composer was **Johann Sebastian Bach**.

Mozart played and wrote music when he was 4 years old!!!

MUSIC IN CLASSICAL & ROMANTIC PERIOD:

The most popular instrumental music were the 'sonata', the 'symphony' and the 'concertó'. Wolfgang Amadeus **Mozart** was the most important composer of Classical period, and **Ludwig van Beethoven** led Classical music into the Romantic period of music. In the Romantic period, music became more emotional, like literature, art, and philosophy. There were a lot of famous composers like: **Chopin**, **Johann Strauss** or **Wagner**.

Beethoven was deaf at the end of his life!!

MUSIC IN 20th and 21st CENTURIES:

In the 20th century there was a revolution in music. Everybody have access to listening to music on the radio and new technologies. Nowadays there are a great variety of music styles like Pop, Rock & Roll, Jazz, Latin Music, Reg-gae... The most popular composition are the 'songs', and video -clips, that join music and images. Singers are very famous all over the world.

Elvis Presley was called: 'The King of Rock & Roll'

Frank Sinatra: 'The Voice'

'The Beatles'

Michael Jackson: 'The King of Pop'

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1.– Look up these words or expressions on the dictionary:

voice: whistle: to clap: noise:

stick: cave: vulture: to consider:

ancient: chorus: to sing—sang– sung:

reason: lyre: kithara: cítara entertainment:

wind instruments: string instruments:

to start: written repertory:

'Gregorian Chant': 'Canto Gregoriano' The Pope:

to sing—sang– sung: troubadour: ballade:

Netherlands: composer: to spread:

printing press: dissemination:

brass instruments: to lead– led– led:

keyboards: to become– became– become:

to have access to: to join:

2.– Answer these questions about the text:

1.– How old is a bone flute that was discovered in 2008 in Germany?

2.- What were the reasons to sing in the Ancient Greece?

3.– Name two string instruments in the Ancient Greece:

4.– What was the most important religious music in the Middle Ages?

5.– What is a 'ballade' in the Medieval period?

6.– What was the most important invention in the Rennaisance?

7.– What is the name of a composition with voices and music from an orchestra in the Baroque period?

8.– Name two famous composers in the Classical period:

9.- Name two famous composers in the Romantic period:

10.- Name three types of music nowadays:

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3.- Order chronologically these periods through the history of music:

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Rennaisance

Medieval music

Baroque

Romantic Music

Music at present

Music in Greece

Classical Music

Prehistoric Music

4.- Match these composers, types of compositions... with different periods in the music history:

Rennaisance *	* Human voices, clapping...
Prehistoric Music *	* Lyre
Classical Music *	* Johann Strauss
Music in Greece *	* Ludwig van Beethoven
Music at present *	* Gregorian Chant
Romantic Music *	* The madrigal
Baroque *	* Rock & Roll
Medieval music *	* Johann Sebastian Bach

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