

### Grand Oratorios

An **oratorio** tells a story in music and is performed by solo singers, a choir and an orchestra. The difference between this type of performance and an opera, is that there are no costumes and no scenery (usually). Stories were inspired originally by Bible stories, but eventually literature and historical events.

We will listen to track 11. This is part of the hallelujah chorus from “Messiah” by Handel and performed by a Baroque orchestra and a full choir.

As you listen, visualize the story being told.

Choose a contemporary song. Listen to it, closing your eyes to visualize the story being told through the lyrics. **In complete sentences, record a synopsis of the story. Remember to include the title and the artist.**