

Key Knowledge and Understanding
The Four Seasons is group of four violin concertos. Each concerto describes a season: Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter
The strings are the largest family of instruments in the orchestra and they come in four sizes: the <i>violin</i> , which is the smallest, <i>viola</i> , <i>cello</i> , and the biggest, the <i>double bass</i> , sometimes called the <i>contrabass</i> .
Ritornella is a recurring passage in Baroque music for orchestra or chorus.
Programme music is descriptive, suggesting visual images or 'telling a story'. The descriptive idea or story-line is known as the programme.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Concerto Grosso	a baroque orchestral composition featuring a small group of solo instruments contrasting with the full orchestra.
Solo Concerto	a concerto that includes a single soloist, with accompaniment from the entire orchestra.
Timbre	quality of sound, what makes instruments sound different to each other
Rhythm	pattern of long and short sounds as you move through the music
Pulse/beat	the steady beat-heartbeat. Continuous without changing throughout

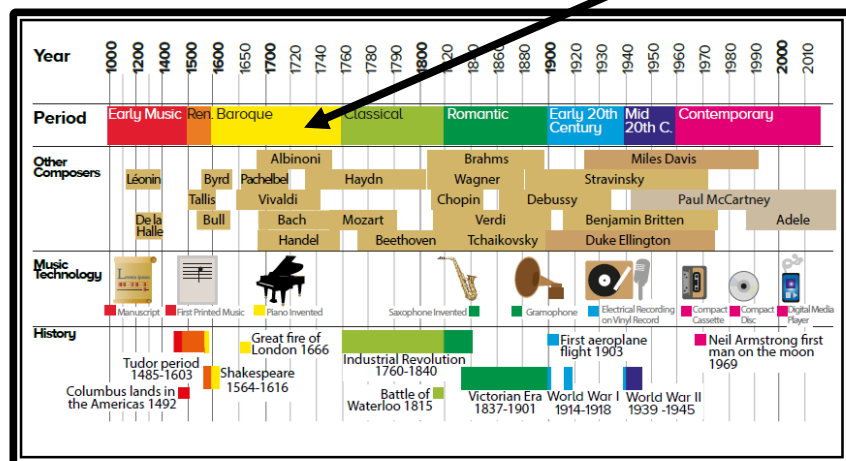
The term baroque is derived from the Portuguese *barroco* - "oddly shaped pearl"



SIGNIFICANT MUSICAL ARTIST
Antonio Lucio Vivaldi
 1678-1741



He was the most important composer in Italy at the end of the Baroque period. Vivaldi wrote more than 400 concertos for various instruments, especially for the violin.



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