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Music Appreciation: George Handel*

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Week 9-12

First: Get a hold of George Handel's *Water Music* and listen to it often.

Second: Go to www.classicsforkids.com and listen to all the shows on George Handel.

Third: Read *George Handel* by Mike Venezia (Reading Level 5.5) .

Your local library and amazon have a copy.

Fourth: If you have the time, go to www.classicsforkids.com and download the activity sheet for George Handel.

Fifth: Fold a piece of paper in half. Try to imagine what the performance of *Water Music* looked like—all those boats on the Thames River. You can look on the web for images of the Thames River in London (The picture on pages 26-27 of Venezia's biography is not of that performance. That is a picture by Canaletto, a famous Venetian painter, done a few decades later.)

Use your favorite art supplies. Glue your final image into the space below.

Last: Answer the following questions.

Question # 1: When was George Handel born?

Question # 2: Where was he born?

Question # 3: How did Handel learn to play the harpsichord? Circle the correct answer.

- a. He learned to play the harpsichord from Johann Sebastian Bach.
- b. He learned to play the harpsichord from Antonio Vivaldi.
- c. He learned to play the harpsichord from his father.
- d. He learned to play the harpsichord by himself.

Question # 4: Where did Handel go to learn about Italian operas?

Question # 5: Where did Handel spend most of his adult life?

Question # 6: Name two of George Handel's most famous compositions?

- a.
- b.

Question # 7: George Handel was very cosmopolitan. What does the word *cosmopolitan* mean? Find the definition in the dictionary.

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