

Romantic Music

The Romantic era of music began during the mid 1800s and ended by the early 1900s. The music of this era is known for its intense passion and energy, which strayed from the rigidity of the Classical era before it.

Let's listen to some examples!

Erlkönig (Elf King)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS91p-vmSf0&list=RDQM4MEQVtYwaWg&start_radio=1

- This piece contains German lyrics, yet still tells a thrilling story through the musical contrasts and animation
- Listen to the music, watch the animation, and write about how it makes you feel!

Dies Irae

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDFHHz9GsY&list=PL8831B45FB61CEAA7&index=20>

- This is an example of an intense piece of music!
- Write a short story based on what you hear!

Questions for Thought

- Did anything surprise you about these pieces?
- How do these pieces differ from 'typical' instrumental music?
- If you liked these, be sure to check out other composers of the Romantic era!

Interested in learning more?

- <https://www.classicfm.com/discover-music/periods-genres/romantic/>
- https://www.classicsforkids.com/music/musical_period.php?id=Romantic