



Flute History Questions

Dear teachers,

Thank you so much for downloading this presentation and these questions for your students. I hope that these educational materials will aid you as we all switch to online teaching and learning.

You can use these materials in a variety of ways. For the questions, you can simply copy and paste them into a Google Form for an electronic worksheet, you can upload this pdf into your Google Classroom account for your students to print out and complete, or you can copy and paste the questions into a Google Doc.

Additionally, if you'd like to break the assignment up into several smaller assignments, instead of one big project, I've broken up the presentation into different parts, and the timings of the different parts are below. Students can complete each part at their own pace or during your desired timeline.

Some of the questions come directly from information I deliver in the presentation. Other questions are answered in the supplemental or demonstration videos.

If you have any problems accessing the video or sharing it with your students, please contact me.

Stay well!

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Here is where to access the presentation video: <https://katherineemeneth.com/flute-history/>

Flute History Part 1

1. What does the word “flute” mean?
2. Which type of animal was the flute from Germany made from?
3. How many notes are in a pentatonic scale?
4. Who made the first music? Animals or humans?
5. For the Slovenian flute, which animal is it made from?
6. What are two purposes of the shakuhachi?
7. What is the name of the early bamboo flute from China?
8. What does Dr. E use on her dizi instead of the thin bamboo material?
9. How many finger holes are on the dizi?
10. Why do many cultures in SE Asia play the nose flute by blowing through their nose?

Flute History Part 2

1. What does the word “transverse” mean?
2. What is the original German word for “fife”?
3. Watch the video of De la Barre’s music. How does the notation from his compositions look different from modern day notation?
4. Describe how the Hotteterre flute sounds different from our modern flute?
5. How many surviving children did Bach have?
6. What was Bach’s favorite beverage?
7. What does “repertoire” mean?
8. What was the first key added to the flute?
9. What did musicians have to have to see the music on their stand?
10. Which king was a talented flutist?
11. What is a concerto?

Flute History Part 3

1. What is the definition of “conservatory?”
2. What was Devienne’s father’s job?
3. By the time Tulou came around, what happened to the style of flute music?
4. What was the name of the English flutist who enlarged the tone holes of his own flute to create a bigger sound?
5. What was the name of the French flutist who had amazing technique and tonguing?
6. Who is considered the inventor of the modern flute?
7. Listen to the recording of the Handel Trio Sonata (link 11). Does this instrument sound similar to our modern flute? Why or why not?
8. What is the name of the flute maker who started making the flute out of silver?
9. Listen to the difference of the Louis Lot flute vs. the modern flute in link 12. What are two similarities and two differences you can HEAR?
10. What is the name of the flutist who taught at the Paris Conservatory and brought back the “old” classics of the flute like Bach and Mozart’s music?
11. Why were flutists from France highly sought after?
12. Which of Taffanel’s students made his way to America?

Flute History Part 4

1. How many hours does it take to make a flute?
2. Name all of the different types of flutes in the flute family.
3. Which of the extended techniques could you do?
4. Which beatboxing sound is your favorite?
5. Which electronic component would you add to your own performance?
6. Would you ever consider dancing and playing at the same time?

Flute History Links

1. German Cave Flute <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqjxtstIHA0>
2. Slovenian Cave Flute <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHy9FOblt7Y> (watch at least the first minute and a half)
3. Shakuhachi <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmRPECd9Yig>
4. Dizi <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEyEtp9WBtg>
5. Bansuri <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9cefe-xD04>
6. Nose flute https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xQY_Ic_Rdo
7. Recorders: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4-A40ckFgA&list=PLIOICCOyD7Y5NnKMph1TbNib7rTr0ylhW&index=6>
8. Fife: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hp92IJTMHTA&t=139s>
9. De la Barre music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-iNPvoo4U0>
10. Frederick the Great's Flute Concerto <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uHOLYnLp94>
11. The Boehm Flute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAgcWzgsDII>
12. Louis Lot flute vs. modern flute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwb6KZqSKU8>
13. Georges Barrere https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dl_bBi1wbYQ
14. How flutes are made: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHSu0trGkRg>
15. Contrabass flute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QSQMyB1C0g>
16. Extended techniques: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHzBFZmGsDo>
17. Beatboxing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObUREzucuW8>
18. Fixed media, amplification, and visual: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8QCsoF5W9I>
19. Dance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJB4iIlNtt4>