

# Baroque Music Knowledge Organiser

When was the Baroque period?  
**1600-1750**

## Instruments

### The Harpsichord

How does it work?



**Strings are plucked by plectrums attached to Jacks which move when you press the keys.**

Which family of instruments does it belong to?  
**Strings**

### The Pipe Organ

Where would you find a pipe organ?

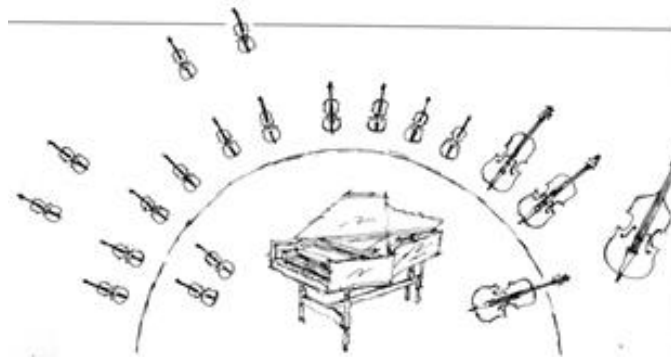
**In a church**

Which family of instruments does it belong to?

**Woodwind**



## The Baroque Orchestra



Instruments in the orchestra:

**Strings (violins, violas, cellos and Double Bass) and harpsichord**

**Pieces we have listened to which all have a ground bass:**

Canon in D by Pachelbel

Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor by J.S. Bach

When I am Laid in Earth by Henry Purcell

**Ground Bass - constant repeating low pitched tune that plays throughout a piece of music**

## Composers

Henry Purcell  
**(1659-1695)**



From England  
Played Organ  
Wrote more than 100 songs  
He wrote music for the funeral of Queen Mary II

J.S. Bach  
**(1685-1750)**



From Germany  
Played Organ  
Wrote a lot of church music  
One of the greatest composers of all time.

G.F. Handel  
**(1685-1759)**



Lived in England  
Played Organ  
Wrote a lot of music for the Royal family  
Including "The fireworks music" and "The water music"