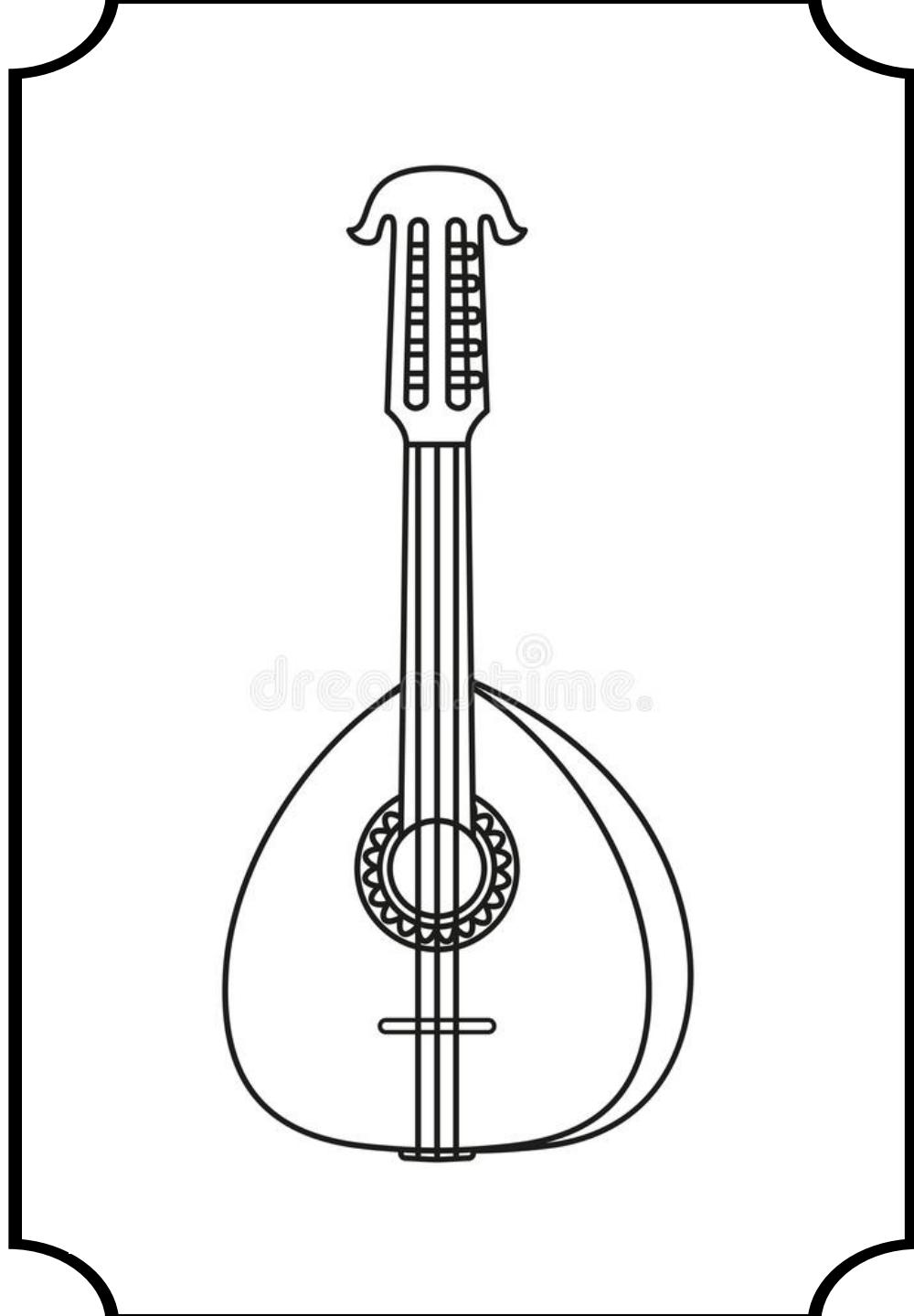
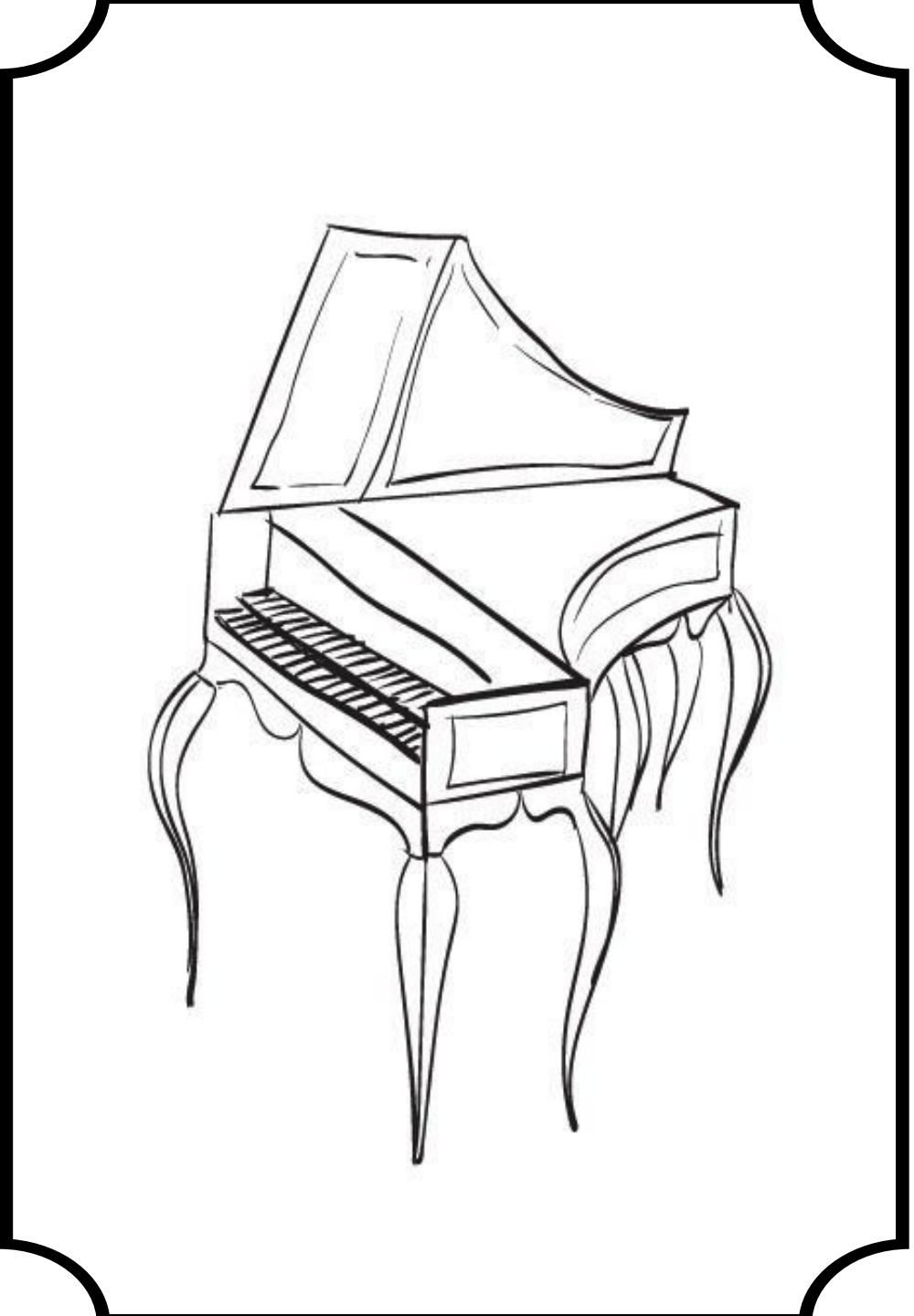


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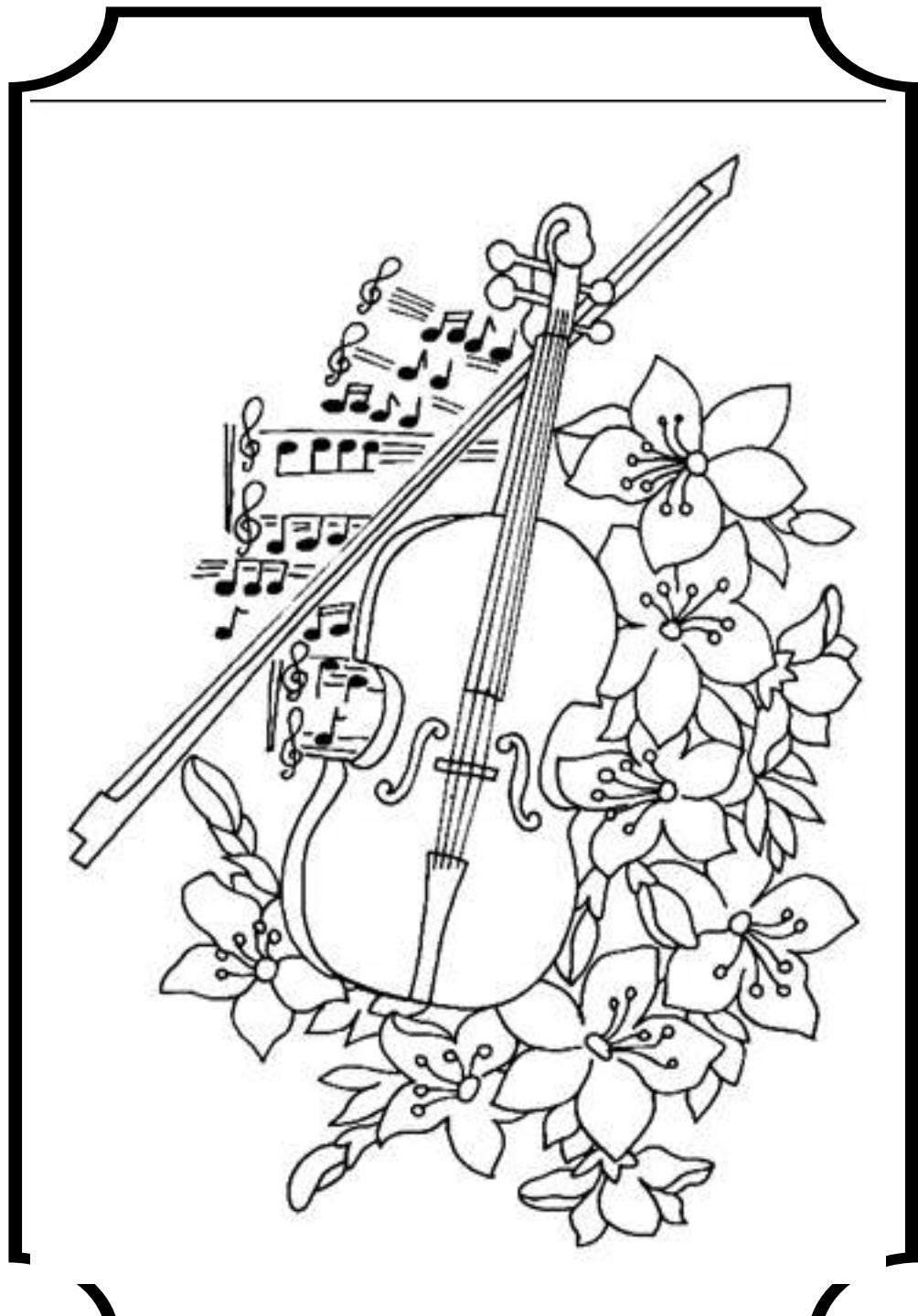


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Beginner Workbook



The Baroque Period



Throughout this pack we will be exploring all things Baroque!



Here are some quick facts about the Baroque period:

- The Baroque period was from 1600 - 1760.
- Baroque instruments include a hurdy gurdy, harpsichord, bass viol, lute, violin, and guitar.
- Baroque Suites were compositions that consisted of many movements, typically they included the Overture, Allemande, Courante, Sarabande and Gigue.
- The Basso continuo is a kind of continuous accompaniment notated with a new music notation system, figured bass. It is usually written for a sustaining bass instrument and a keyboard instrument.
- Homophony – music with one melodic voice and rhythmically similar accompaniment.
- There were a lot of dramatic musical compositions such as operas.
- Combined instrumental-vocal forms, such as the oratorio and cantata.
- New instrumental techniques were used like *tremolo* and *pizzicato*.
- Extensive ornamentation.
- Lots of dynamic contrast.



Can you find all the words in
the grid?

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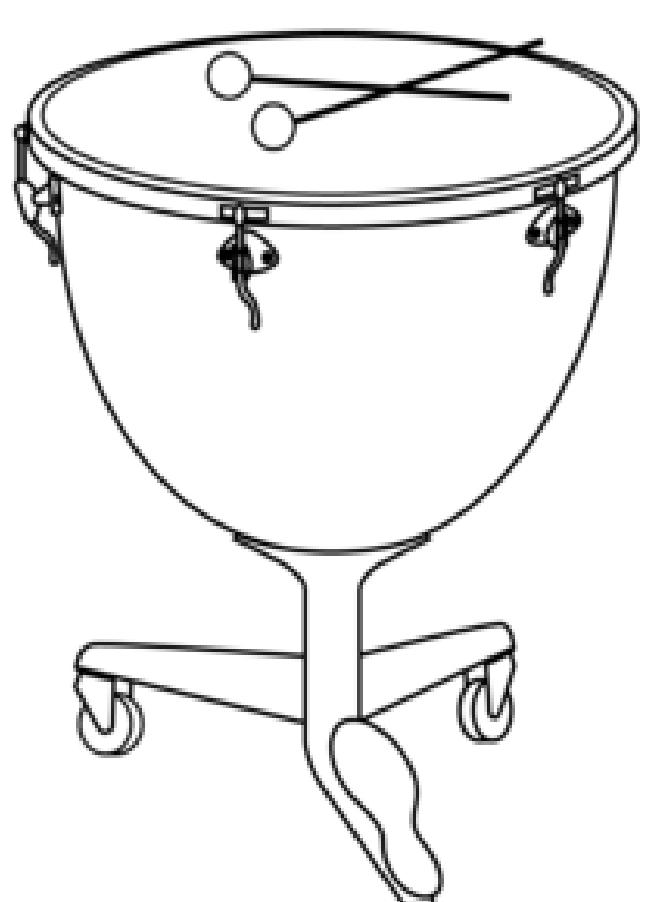
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Are there any words you don't know?
Write them down and then find out
what they mean!

Can you match the picture of
the instrument to it's name?



Violin



Trumpet



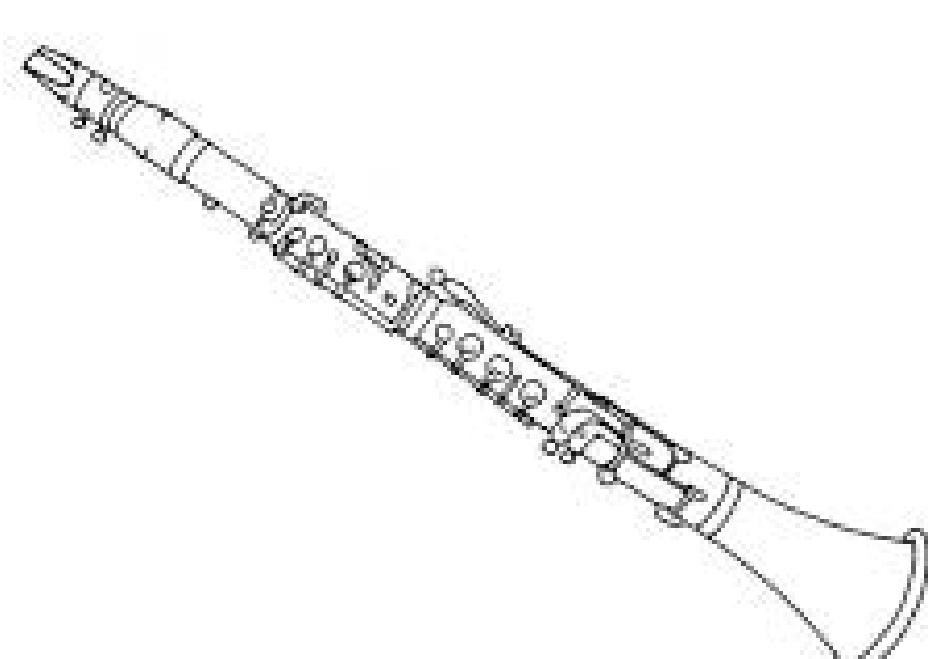
Harpsichord



Oboe



Clarinet



Timpani

Can you colour in this picture
of Bach?



Can you write down what you
think Bach was like?

J.S. Bach



Nationality: German

Born: 1685

Died: 1750

Famous Pieces: Toccata & Fugue in D Minor, Brandenburg Concertos, Air on a G String

- He Composed 1128 pieces in his lifetime
- Bach's Brandenburg Concertos were used as a job application for Christian Ludwig, Margrave of Bradenburg.
- He once walked 290 miles across Germany to watch a concert.

Francesca Caccini



Nationality: Italian

Born: 1587

Died: 1640

- Her only surviving stage work, La liberazione di Ruggiero, is widely considered the oldest opera by a woman composer. She was a Composer, singer, lutenist, poet, and music teacher of the early Baroque era.

G. F. Handel



Nationality: German & English

Born: 1685

Died: 1759

Famous Pieces: The Messiah, Zadok the Priest, Music for the royal fireworks

- Composed over 40 operas in 30 years
- Started three commercial opera companies to supply the English nobility with Italian Operas
- Handel was also the Musical Director of the Royal Academy of Music

Henry Purcell



Nationality: English

Born: 1659

Died: 1695

Famous Pieces: Dido & Aeneas, The Fairy Queen, Dido's Lament

- He got the job of organist at Westminster Abbey at the age of 20
- He heavily influenced Benjamin Britten, especially in the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra
- It is said he began composing at the age of 9.



Listen to Antonio Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons'

Can you circle each musical characteristic when you hear it in the piece?

Loud Parts



Quiet parts



Fast Notes

Lots of instruments
playing at the same time

A solo instrument playing



Complicated melodies

Harpsichord



Melody lines in different
instruments



Call and response
between instruments



The Baroque Quiz

Here's a short quiz to test your Baroque knowledge!

1. When was the Baroque period?

2. Can you name two composers from the baroque period?

3. What are the main characteristics of Baroque music?

4. Can you name three instruments from the baroque period?
