



The Music of Debussy: 5 Favorites Questionnaire

Ages: 15 - 18

Projected time: 20 - 25 min

Supplies needed: Pencil and writing paper. Computer with internet access.

Project Intro: Students will watch a video from the website *PianoTV* from *Youtube* and they will answer basic questions about the video by youtuber Allysia, a piano teacher and musician. The video is about the music of French pianist and composer Claude Debussy.

PART 1: Questions

Visit this website: [The Music of Debussy: 5 Favorites](#)

Play and pause the video when necessary.

Questionnaire:

1. What is the name of the composer that is being discussed in this video?

1A. Claude Debussy

2. Which famous piano piece is Debussy known for?

2A. *Clair de Lune*. Performed by youtuber Kassia: [\(Debussy 1905\) Clair de Lune](#)

3. What is impressionism in art?

3A. Blurry, abstract art pieces.

4. Name a non-western music genre that influenced Debussy.

4A. Javanese Gamelan music.

5. Early Debussy's compositions are characterized by which quality?

5A. Short and subtle compositions.

6. What is a symphonic poem?

6A. Music without words, that tries to convey the mood, or story, of any art form.

7. Name an opera that Debussy wrote during his middle period.

7A. Pelleas et Melisande.

8. What kind of scales are used in the piano piece called *The Submerged Cathedral*?

8A. Pentatonic scales.

[Claude Debussy, La cathédrale engloutie \(The Engulfed Cathedral\), Pavel Kolesnikov \(piano\)](#)

9. Name the last major composition before his death?

9A. Sonata for Violin and Piano L. 140.

[Claude Debussy: Sonata in G minor for Violin and Piano, L. 140](#)

10. How long was his last major composition/sonata?

10A. 13 minutes.