

Classical Era

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COMPOSERS AND WORKS

(1732–1809) Joseph Haydn

Symphony No. 100, *Military*
The Creation

(1756–1791) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Piano Concerto, G major, K. 453
Don Giovanni
Eine kleine Nachtmusik
Requiem

(1770–1827) Ludwig van Beethoven

Moonlight Sonata
Symphony No. 5

(1797–1828) Franz Schubert

Erlking
The Trout

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EVENTS

■ 1715 Reign of Louis XV begins

■ 1732 George Washington born

■ 1752 Benjamin Franklin's electricity discoveries

■ 1762 Catherine II crowned empress of Russia

■ 1771 First edition of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*

■ 1775 American Revolution begins

■ 1785 Schiller writes *Ode to Joy*

■ 1789 French Revolution begins

■ 1796 Jenner discovers vaccination
for smallpox

■ 1804 Coronation of Napoleon

■ 1815 Defeat of Napoleon at
Battle of Waterloo