

Engraved Book Checklist

Create an [engraved](#) book of your own compositions, variations, or arrangements, that will educate your audience on a chosen topic.

- Choose a topic:
 - Is there a composer whose works you want to create arrangements for?
 - A style or technique you want to explore in your own compositions?
 - An era of musical history you want to showcase by creating modern variations?

- Research your topic. Think about:
 - Creating a biography of a composer's career. What music influenced them? What pieces did they compose at the beginning and end of their career? How did their style develop over time?
 - Demonstrating the development/use of a technique. When did this technique become popular? How was it used in history? How is it used today?
 - Showing the history of a musical era from start to finish. Who were the prominent composers of the era? How did they influence each other? How did the political, environmental, and social issues of the era influence the music? Who were the people who enjoyed this music?

- Decide on the songs you want to include in your book with your teacher. You can include:
 - Original compositions inspired by your topic
 - Arrangements of music by your composer/from your historical era
 - Variations of the same

- Decide on a book title and set a release date for your book with your teacher.

- Write out each song using a song-writing software like [Noteflight](#). Be sure to include:
 - Song title
 - Composer or origin
 - Arranger (you!)—if applicable

- Create supporting material for each of your songs. This is the content that will provide more context, and further educate your audience. Refer to your research notes. Think about:
 - In addition to writing, what type of media will best illustrate your topic? For print books, you can include photographs, and illustrations. For ebooks, you can include recordings, create a video, or create any other mixed media content you can think of.
- Create a table of contents.
- Create a cover page with original artwork, or commission work from a local artist.
- Create an author page that includes a short biography of yourself.
- Publish your book! You can:
 - Use a printing service like Office Depot, or something similar to print a physical book
 - Use BookCreator to create an ebook
- Ask your teacher to fill out the announcement form to share your book with Orpheus.

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- Make sure your engraving is neat.
- Add a photo or illustration of yourself to the author page!
- Utilize visuals! Folks learn more effectively when they're presented with lots of different types of media.
- If you're creating an ebook, include more interactive content such as audio examples, or videos!
- If you commissioned your cover art, make sure you provide appropriate compensation and credit to the artist.
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- Cite your sources! Tell folks where you got your info, and where they can learn more.