



Artist & Composer Study

This session features Ancient Egyptian Art. We've included six art selections for your kids and teens to use for picture study. They are:

- *Craftsmen, Tomb of Nebamun and Ipuky*
- *Book of the Dead of Hunefer*
- *Tomb of Nebamun*
- *The Mask of Tutankhamun*
- *The Bust of Nefertiti*
- *Hieroglyphs on the Stele Minnakht*

Rather than include a specific composer, we have selected various music pieces from Ancient Egypt and the surrounding Mesopotamian area. We've included six pieces (with links to each) to listen to. They are:

- Ancient Music of Akkad
- Ancient Egyptian Love Song
- Nami Nami - Traditional Lullaby from Egypt
- Strings of Thebes
- Hurrian Hymn No. 6
- I Am Cyrus

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Ancient Egyptian Music



Music was an integral part of life in the Ancient Egyptian civilization. It played a vital role in religious ceremonies, festivals, and other official events. Music was seen as a divine gift from the gods, and many instruments were invented by priests during this time.

The most common type of instrument used in Ancient Egypt was the "sistrum," a type of rattle that was believed to ward off evil spirits. This instrument was used during festivals and processions, as well as in religious ceremonies such as funerals and marriages. Other instruments played included the harp, drums, double pipes, flutes, and bells.

Music also featured singing in both solo and choral forms. Additionally, there were special vocal techniques that were used to add emotion to the songs. One of these techniques

was called "melisma," where singers would stretch out a single syllable to emphasize its meaning and create an emotional effect.

The lyrics were often based on stories from mythology or religious texts. However, the songs were also used to express love, joy, and sorrow in everyday life. Songs often featured poetic imagery and metaphor, and a variety of musical forms were used to create different moods.

Ancient Egyptian music has had an influence on other cultures throughout history. For example, the roots of some African-American spirituals can be traced back to Ancient Egyptian music and its emphasis on rhythm and emotion.

Classical Pieces

Week 1 - Ancient Music of Akkad

Week 2 - Ancient Egyptian Love Song

Week 3 - Nami Nami - Traditional
Lullaby from Egypt

Week 4 - Strings of Thebes

Week 5 - Hurrian Hymn No. 6

Week 6 - I Am Cyrus