



## Glenn Miller

March 1, 1904 – December 15, 1944

Glenn Miller was one of the most popular American bandleaders of the Swing Era. He was born in Clarinda, Iowa in 1904, but his family moved to Missouri when he was a young boy. Miller began playing the trombone when he was in high school. After graduating, he attended the University of Colorado at Boulder for a year before dropping out to pursue a career in music.

Miller began his professional career as a musician in the early 1920's. He played with several different bands before forming his own group, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, in 1937.

His band quickly became popular, and soon they were playing at big dance halls and theaters.

People loved to listen to his band and dance to their music. "In the Mood" and "Chattanooga Choo Choo" were especially huge hits.

In 1942, during World War II, Miller tried to join the Army, but was rejected for being too old. Instead, he requested to be put in charge of the Army Air Force Band. He wanted to help boost morale and modernize the military music by combining it with jazz and big band themes. It was initially met with some pushback by the older career officers, but the soldiers loved it.

So Miller played for the U.S. Army and then traveled to Europe to play for the troops stationed there. His music was also played over the radio and in various broadcasts to counteract fascist propaganda.

Sadly, in 1944, Miller's plane disappeared on a flight from England to France and was never found. Despite his untimely death, Glenn Miller's music continued to inspire the soldiers in the army, and has continued to be popular over the years. His recordings are still played on radio stations around the world, and his songs are still performed by musicians today.

# Classical Pieces

Week 1 - In the Mood

Week 2 - Chattanooga Choo Choo

Week 3 - Moonlight Serenade

Week 4 - Sunrise Serenade

# Composer Study

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

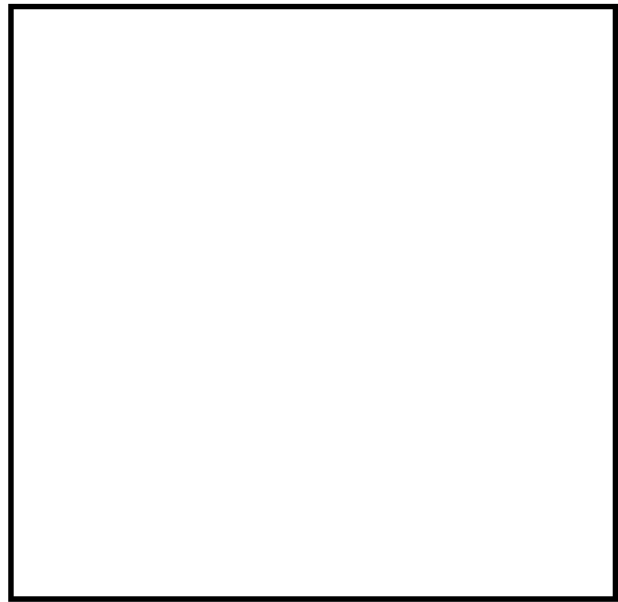
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Instruments Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Famous Compositions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Further Study:

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