I. INTRODUCTION: (For Guided Class Discussion)
Welcome to our Composer Research Project! This project will combine music class and technology. We will work on our own and in groups. We will present projects in a creative way! If we do well, we might post some of our projects on our class website to share. Ask questions so your teacher can help you understand the project. You will be graded in sections, so you will know how you are doing as you go along. A grading rubric will be used, but it may be changed as we go along if we need to. Positive participation will count! YOU MAY NOW LOGON TO YOUR COMPUTER AND FOLLOW ALONG TOGETHER. RAISE YOUR HAND TO ANSWER OR ASK A QUESTION, ONE AT A TIME. Enjoy learning!

A. Major Time Periods In “Classical” Music
1. When we study what we call “classical” music we are talking about music from Western Europe.
   a) Go to this link to see a map:
http://www.classicsforkids.com/composers/composers_map.asp
   b) Can you name some of the countries of Western Europe?

LIST THREE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HERE:
1. ___________________ 2. ___________________ 3. ___________________

2. The history of music, as well as art and literature, is broken into time periods. What time period was Elvis born in? ___________ The Beatles? ___________ Your parents? ___________ You? ___________
   a) Go to this link to look at a timeline of music composers starting with the “Baroque” Period:

3. Composers write music. There are many listed in each time period.
   a) What are the names of some that you recognize?
LIST TWO HERE: 1. ___________________ 2. ___________________

B. Four broad time periods for music include: (There are more!)
1. Baroque Period 1600-1750
2. Classical Period 1750-1827
3. Romantic Period 1827-1903
4. Modern Period 1903- Present
C. The five composers that have been chosen to study in Grade 6 are from either the Baroque or the Classical Period.

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D. LISTENING: (PUT IN YOUR EARBUDS!) Your job is to work on your own to explore the Classics For Kids website. Go to http://www.classicsforkids.com/

Find at least one composer we are studying from the list above and click on the “Hear The Music” link. Listen to a composition. (Or use alternate site listed below.) Write down the information here:

COMPOSER’S NAME: ______________________________________

TIME PERIOD: ___________________________________________

DATE: __________________________________________________

COMPOSITION: ___________________________________________

RESOURCE: _______________________________________________

EXAMPLE ONLY: (Do not copy!)
Antonio Vivaldi
Baroque
Ca. 1723 (ca means “circa” or approximately)
“The Four Seasons” Spring
http://www.classicsforkids.com/music/music_view.asp?id=8

**TWO ALTERNATE SOURCES FOR AUDIO OR MIDI FILES OF FAMOUS COMPOSERS:
http://www.dsokids.com/

http://www.classicalmidiconnection.com/

If you finish early, you may explore the website further. “Composer Time Machine”
http://www.classicsforkids.com/games/time-machine/tm.html is recommended!
No talking.

Check your work. Papers will be placed in your Music Folder at the end of the period and are part of your graded project.