

## Formal Definition

Bach is not a classical music composer (claim) because he lived in the Baroque period which is well before the Classical Period of musical composition and his music had multiple layers of melodies which is atypical for the form. (reasoning)

The Classical Period was between 1730 and 1820 which immediately follows the Baroque period. It also emphasizes homophonic melodies which other forms do not. (warrant)

## Example Definition

Schönberg and John Cage count as classical musicians because other classically trained musicians recognize them as such.

Classical music is music made by musicians trained in the same vein as Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, etc.

## Operational Definition

Being a classical musician requires more skill than a modern day musician (claim) because classical musicians are trained under masters, required to read music and had no electronic support. (reasoning)

Classical music required musicians to play acoustic string and wind instruments rather than electronically assisted ones, and it required an extensive understanding of music theory and composition. (warrant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> warrant:** modern musicians not required to know music theory to make music

**Backing:** tech tools do that work for them (software, etc.)

**Qualifier:** not *all* musicians are ignorant about music theory

**Rebuttal:** using digital tools and technology also requires lots of skill

**Response:** Tech access doesn't translate to a good musical product (still need a knowledge of music to make the software work)

## Formal Definition

Classical music should be played in university libraries **(claim)** because it stimulates the brain and increases productivity. **(reasons)**

Classical music is a genre composed of short, memorable melodies that induce the release of dopamine and inhibit the release of stress hormones. **(definition warrant)**

**Backing:** Studies have shown correlation between physiological changes when listening to classical music and cognitive challenges like studying, etc.

**Evidence:** University research shows that Ss listening to classical music studying did better

**Qualifier:** Still must be played at moderate volume so as not to distract

**Rebuttal:** Won't work with metal heads, others who don't like classical music

**Response:** Classical music good for everyone because it's a subconscious tool

## Example Definition

Although John Cage's "ASLSP" does not sound like any of the more conventional classical pieces we're familiar with **(qualifier)**, because it follows the same patterns of composition and musical progression as The Moonlight Sonata and The Marriage of Figarro, **(reasons)** it is classical music. **(claim)**

Music is considered "classical" if it follows similar flow progression and composition as the Moonlight Sonata or The Marriage of Figarro. **(definition warrant)**

## Operational Definition

Classical music helps you study **(claim)** because it helps with the production of dopamine, provides a pulse that stimulates concentration, and releases stress to increase productivity. **(reasons)**

Classical music is defined as a rhythmic style meant to convey and enhance emotion. **(definition warrant)**