

## Vocabulary

Chant - words spoken in rhythm to a pulse.

Coda - another word for 'ending'.

Orchestrate - choose instruments for different parts of the music.

Pitched percussion - percussion instruments that can play different pitches – xylophones, glockenspiels, chime bars etc.

Pulse - the steady 'beat' underneath much music made up of notes of the same length (like a ticking clock).

Rest - a measured moment of silence.

Tempo - another word for speed.

Tune - another word for a melody. A linear line of notes that makes a satisfying musical shape.

Unpitched percussion - percussion instruments that can only make a limited number of sounds – drums, shakers, woodblocks, tambourine etc.

## Why is some music suitable for certain occasions??

Zadok the Priest – George Frideric Handel



### About the composer



Handel was born in Germany in 1685, and took up music after his father died - his dad had wanted him to be a lawyer. When his studies were finished, Handel couldn't find work so he travelled to Italy and met a very famous composer there called Corelli. Handel realised that Corelli's music was fashionable and so he copied his style and started to get noticed but he still wasn't making enough money to survive. Handel then spotted an opportunity in England.

## Prior learning

Listening to and appraising a variety of pieces of classical music, improvising and composing based on a range of stimuli, using both tuned and untuned percussion.

### Interesting ideas:

Handel wrote Zadok the Priest for the coronation of King George II in 1727. Amazingly the piece has been performed at the coronation service of every British monarch ever since. The words are taken from the King James Bible.

The piece is majestic and the orchestral introduction builds and builds before the choir bursts into song. Handel wrote this piece hoping that the sound would fill the huge space of Westminster Abbey. If you're a football fan you might recognise this music as a version of it is used as the theme of the UEFA Champions League.

### Useful links:

Follow this link to listen to listen to *Zadok the Priest*:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/KS2-george-frideric-handel-zadok-the-priest/znvkrmn>