

# Learn the Big Picture

## Resource Ideas



It's not enough to simply learn song after song each week. Learning *about* music is just as important as the music itself!

### Read a book about music/musicians.

*Ideas to get you started :*  
<https://pianopossibilities.org/students/piano-parent-tips/book-recommendations/>

### Study a composer.

Bach, Mozart, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Debussy, Shostakovich, Cage, Glass, Joplin, Sinatra, Lennon etc. Classicsforkids.com, Wikipedia, Who Was books. Spotify – composer playlists.

### Complete pages in a music workbook.

Theory books (lesson companion books, Fundamentals of Piano Theory, Andrea and Trevor Dow's Timed Tests 1, Timed Tests 2, Note Printing). Worksheets Etc.

### Listen to a new genre of music.

So you love pop. But the radio has scores of stations just waiting to be discovered on your way to work, school, etc. Scan through radio stations or check out Spotify's genre playlists to experience something new!

### Attend a concert.

Live concerts are a great option! But there are online/zoom/YouTube concerts happening, outdoor concerts popping up, and free local concerts around town. Supporting local musicians and experiencing music live is necessary for a full music learning experience!

### Complete a Family Music Challenge.

You can find lots of options for creating a musical home environment here!  
<https://pianopossibilities.org/students/piano-parent-tips/family-music-challenges/>

### Listen to a podcast about music.

Head to your favorite podcast streaming site/app and do a music search. Lots and lots of options!

### Write your own music.

There are lots of ways to get started writing your own music! The best is to include your teacher in the process. Teachers – check out some of my favorite composition resources here ☺

<https://pianopossibilities.org/2020/09/14/resource-roundup-composition/>

### Watch a music-related movie or documentary.

Soul, Sound of Music, Sing, August Rush, Yesterday, The Greatest Showman, Green Book (adult), etc. Score: A Film Music Documentary. Ken Burns: Country Music

### Teach a friend/family member a song you've learned.

Those who can teach must first truly know the material! Have fun with this one and grab your beginning piano books and a friend. Teach a few of the basics and see how long it takes them to catch on ☺