

A Comparison of the Lifespan of Man To the Lifespan of Music

Man

Birth- first moment of existence
Infancy- basic instincts:
 Eating, breathing, sleeping, crying
Adolescence- interaction with environment,
 beginning of speech patterns
Teen age years- explore interests:
 Make friendships
 Learning social skills
Becoming of age- End of formal education
 Establish career
 Purchase home(s)
 Raise family
Early Maturity- Final years at profession
 Establish funds for retirement
 More travel
 Increase in hobby interests
 Time spent visiting grandchildren
Later Maturity- Same as above

Old age- Retirement
 More travel
 Beginning of health issues

Declining years- More isolated life style
 Less productive

 Everyday's the same
 from the past
Death- Cause of death, old age

Music

Birth- estimated beginning of music
Infancy- primitive instruments and voice:
 Percussion instruments, vocal interaction
Adolescence- Medieval Era (800- 1400)
 Establishment of simple chants
Teen age years- Renaissance period (1400- 1600)
 Polyphony, Sacred and Secular music,
 Madrigals, Masses, Motets.
Becoming of age- Baroque period (1600- 1750)
 Counterpoint, Basso Continuo, Cannons
 Fugues, Opera, Orchestras, Homophony,
 Expansion of Vocal music
Early Maturity- Classical period (1750- 1820)
 Sonata, Rococo Style Began, Shorter Phrase
 Structure Cadences, More Expansive
 Dynamics, Use of Alberti Bass,
 Expansion of Homophony
Late Maturity- Romantic period (1850- 1920)
 Increased Dissonance & chromaticisim
 Art Song, Symphonic poem, Nationalism
Old age- 20th Century (1900- 1999)
 Atonal & Electronic Music, increase in
 Popular Music with decrease in interest for
 Classical Music
Declining years- 21st Century (2000- Present)
 Compared to all other periods- less
 productive
 Everything musical has been brought back
 Everything relates to the past
Death- Cause of death, old age