



***La bohème* music exercises**

Puccini

Research Puccini, the composer and the man. Look in the school library or on the Internet for more information about his life and work.

How did his early life influence the development of *La bohème*?
How does *La bohème* differ from other operas by Puccini?
Where and when was *La bohème* first performed?
What did the audience think about *La bohème* the first time it was performed?

Other operas by Puccini include: *Tosca*, *Manon Lescaut*, *Turandot*, *Madame Butterfly*

Tip: for more information about Puccini and La bohème, download the Opera Pack from the InsideOut website. Visit the ENO website for Opera packs on other operas by Puccini.

Verismo Style

Puccini is a composer who is said to use the verismo style. Verismo is the Italian word for truth.

What is verismo? Explore verismo and Puccini.

Which other composers used the verismo style?
Do they have a specific subject matter on which they focus?
What other styles of opera are there?
If Puccini had been a romantic composer how would *La bohème* have been different?

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