

# Music instruction sheets in the Subject Cataloging Manual

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This page describes and links to music-specific instruction sheets in the *Subject Cataloging Manual*.

General instruction: Assign the heading that represents the predominant topic of the work as the first subject heading. (see [H 80 Order of subject headings](#) [3])

If the predominant topic cannot be represented by a single heading:

- ° assign as the first and second headings the two headings that, taken together, express the predominant topic.
- ° if one of the two more closely approximates the class number it is usually assigned first.

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## Overview

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| <a href="#">H 1916.3</a> [5] | Music: General | Overview of the assignment of subjects headings for all materials in the field of music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>° musical form, genre, type, etc.</li> <li>° medium of performance</li> <li>° music for occasions</li> <li>° music about a topic, person, or other named entity</li> <li>° language of vocal text</li> <li>° certain liturgical texts</li> <li>° musical style</li> <li>° music of ethnic, national, and religious groups</li> <li>° musical presentation or format subdivisions</li> <li>° geographic subdivisions</li> <li>° literature and other materials about music</li> <li>° instructional materials</li> </ul> |
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## Assigning subject headings

| Instruction sheet # and title |   | The type(s) of subject heading(s) covered   |
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| <a href="#">H 1917.5</a> [6]  | Music form/genre headings: medium of performance        | Headings for musical compositions, specifically, those music form/genre headings for which the medium of performance is specified. For more information, see medium of performance headings for <a href="#">instrumental music</a> .  |
| <a href="#">H 1916.5</a> [9]  | Jazz and popular music                                  | Guidelines for assigning headings to jazz and popular music, and for using geographic subdivisions. For more information, see <a href="#">Chronological and geographic subdivisions for subject headings</a> .  |
| <a href="#">H 1917</a> [11]   | Music of ethnic, national, and religious groups         | Headings for works that consist of or discuss the music of ethnic groups, music of certain groups, and non-Western art music, including works about the musical instruments of certain groups.  |
| <a href="#">H 1918</a> [12]   | Musical instruments                                     | Guidance in establishing and using headings for the names of musical instruments. For free-floating subdivisions used with headings for musical instruments see <a href="#">H 1918.1</a> . For musical instruments as the medium of performance in form/genre headings see <a href="#">H 1917.5</a> . |
| <a href="#">H 1438</a> [13]   | Composers and works about music of individual composers | Headings for works about specific compositions by a composer and works about the life and work of a composer. Refers to <a href="#">H 1110</a> [14]: Free-floating subdivisions: names of persons.  |

## Free-floating subdivisions

| Instruction sheet # and title |                              | The type(s) of subject heading(s) covered   |
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| <a href="#">H 1160</a> [15]   | Pattern headings for musical | Free-floating subdivisions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>° musical forms and types of compositions</li> </ul> |

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|                             | compositions  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ medium of performance, style, function,</li> <li>◦ music for special seasons or occasions,</li> <li>◦ musical settings of special texts, etc.,</li> <li>◦ headings including the subdivisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Hymns</li> <li>◦ Music</li> <li>◦ Musical settings</li> <li>◦ Songs and music.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Includes guidelines for arranged works and subdivisions and list of free-floating subdivisions and form/topical subdivisions.</p> <p>For more information, see</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Subject headings for instrumental music</a> [16]</li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Subject headings for vocal music</a> [17]</li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Subject subdivisions and qualifiers for music subject headings</a> [18]</li> </ul> <p>This category does <i>not</i> include the general heading Music.</p> |
| <a href="#">H 1161</a> [19] | Pattern headings for individual musical instruments | <p>Includes free-floating subdivisions for headings for brands and models of instruments.</p> <p>Includes a list of form subdivisions.</p> <p>This category does <i>not</i> include the general heading Musical instruments.</p>   |
| <a href="#">H 2075</a> [20] | Songs and music                                     | <p>Guidelines on the use of the free-floating subdivisions</p> <p>"--Songs and music" for vocal or instrumental music</p> <p>Use for music that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ interprets or that is inspired by a person or geographic location</li> <li>◦ is otherwise associated with the heading.</li> </ul> <p>"--Songs and music--History and criticism"</p> <p>Use for works that discuss the songs or music about a topic or entity</p>  |
| <a href="#">H 2190</a> [21] | Texts   | <p>For vocal music, use the free-floating subdivision "--Texts" in headings for special texts that contain the words to one or more songs, hymns, etc., without the music.</p>   |

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