



TMTA Publication Contest Topics 2025 – 2026



More details are in the Student Affiliate Programs section of the TMTA Handbook.

Grades 1-2: *(pick one of the following; 75-300 words)*

IA – Clara Schumann

IB – Music and Dance

Grades 3-4: *(pick one of the following; 250-550 words)*

IIA – Florence Price

IIB – The Classical Sonata & Sonatina

Grades 5-6: *(pick one of the following; 400-650 words)*

IIIA – Amy Beach

IIIB – *Sturm und Drang*

Grades 7-8: *(pick one of the following; 500-750 words)*

IVA – Fanny Mendelssohn

IVB - 19th century opera vs. 20th century musical theatre

Grades 9-10: *(pick one of the following; 600-850 words)*

VA - The Boulanger sisters

VB – Music and expressionism

Grades 11-12: *(pick one of the following; 700-950 words)*

VIA – Kaija Saariaho

VIB – Program music vs. absolute music

Post-12th: *(750-1050 words)*

VII: Women composers of the 21st century