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The Opera Synopses give a summary and a list of characters for an alphabetical list of operas. The Music Fundamental Terms resource describes terms ranging from “16th rests” through “major triad pattern” to “whole tone scale”. A search of terms here will also retrieve related terms to help in understanding.

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