FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN 1732-1809

Franz Joseph Haydn was born in Rohrau, Austria, a small village southeast of Vienna. As a young boy he sang in the church choir and also played the violin and piano. Most of his musical training was at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna where he served as a choirboy until his voice changed at age 16. In 1761, Haydn was appointed assistant music director to Prince Esterhazy, a powerful Hungarian nobleman. He wrote music and conducted the orchestra for the Esterhazy Family over a period of 30 years.

Composing during the Classical period, Haydn wrote 104 symphonies, a large volume of chamber music and several large choral works, including *The Seasons* (1798-1801) and *The Creation* (1796-1798). Haydn made two trips to London, England and composed 12 symphonies that were first performed there. Among his most famous symphonies are the *Farewell* (1772), *Surprise* (1791) and *Drumroll* (1795).

1732 Birth of Franz Joseph Haydn, Birth of George Washington

1742 Handel's Messiah first performed in Dublin, Ireland

■ 1752 Benjamin Franklin proves that lightning is electricity

1760 George III crowned King of England

1770 James Cook discovers east coast of Australia

1775 American Revolution begins

1783 Mozart composes Mass in C minor

1802 Beethoven composes Symphony #2 in D Major

1809 James Madison becomes 4th President of U.S.

QUESTIONS

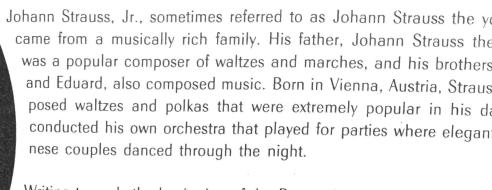
- 1. Haydn was born in what country?
- 2. How long did Haydn work for the Esterhazy Family?
- 3. Haydn composed how many symphonies?
- 4. Name two of his most well-known symphonies.
- 5. Name another composer who was writing music during Haydn's lifetime.

Using YouTube, Spotify, iTunes, or another music playing app or service, please listen to one piece from the composer and answer the following:

Composer name:
Title of composition:
Was this a fast or slow song?
What instrument or voice performed the melody?
What emotion would you give this piece?
Other thoughts you had about this piece of music:
If you could not do the listening for this assignment, it's ok. I hope you have the opportunity to hear the composers' works someday.

JOHANN STRAUSS, JR.

1825-1899



Writing towards the beginning of the Romantic period, Strauss also posed several operettas which could be compared to the music w today for the Broadway stage. Two of his most famous operettas are Fledermaus (The Bat) and Der Zigeunerbaron (The Gypsy Baron). The Danube and The Emperor are among the most popular of the hundred waltzes that Strauss composed.

1825	Birth of Johann Strauss, Jr.
	1837 Michigan becomes a state of the U.S.
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	1861 The-Confederate States of America formed
	1867 The Dominion of Canada is established
	1875 Mark Twain writes The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
	1885 Brahms composes Symphony #4 in E minor
	1899 Sibelius composes Symphony #1 in E minor

QUESTIONS

- 1. What type of music did Johann Strauss, Jr. compose?
- 2. Strauss composed during what period of music?
- 3. What famous novel was written during Strauss' lifetime?
- 4. Two famous waltzes composed by Strauss are

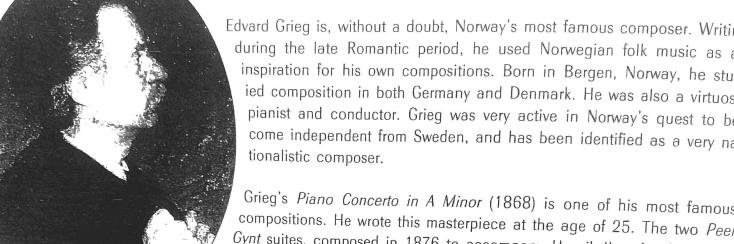
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EDVARD GRIEG

1843-1907



compositions. He wrote this masterpiece at the age of 25. The two Peer Gynt suites, composed in 1876 to accompany Henrik Ibsen's play about a young Norwegian peasant, are also well-known and frequently performed today.

■ 1843 Birth of Edvard Grieg, Charles Dickens writes A Christmas Carol	1843
1853 Verdi composes the operas Il Trovatore and La Traviata	
1861 April 12 is the outbreak of the American Civil War	
1873 Tchaikovsky composes Symphony #2 in Moscow	250500
1876 Brahms composes Symphony #1, Opus 68	
1882 American Baseball Association founded	N. VENEZI
1894 Rudyard Kipling writes The Jungle Book	
1904 Work begins on the Panama Canal	
1907 Baden Powell founds the Boy Scout Movement	
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QUESTIONS

1.					W	as an ins	spiration	for many of G	rieg'	s compositions.
2.	True or False:	Grieg	was very	active i	n Norway's	quest to	become	independent f	irom	Russia.

3. Name one other composer who was writing music during Grieg's lifetime.

4. The play Peer Gynt was written by Henrik

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Other thoughts you had about this piece of music:

JOHANNES BRAHMS

1833-1897

Johannes Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany. Among musicians, he is often referred to as one of the "Three B's": Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms. His father was a double bass player in the local symphony and young Johannes studied piano. He helped his family financially by playing popular music in the Hamburg dance halls. As a young man, Brahms became very good friends with the composer Robert Schumann and his wife Clara, and actually lived with them for a time. His career as a composer was greatly helped by this association.

Writing during the Romantic period, Brahms composed four symphonies, several solo concertos and many chamber pieces. His style of composing was so much a continuation of what Beethoven had done that his First Symphony has been referred to as *Beethoven's 10th*. Brahms's music always reflects his love of form and structure. He composed his famous *German Requiem* for chorus and orchestra between 1857 and 1868.

William McKinley inaugurated as

25th President of U.S.

1833	Birth of Johannes Brahms, Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna Decomes President di Mexico							
1843 Beginning of skiing as a sport in Norway								
1862 Jean Foucault successfully measures the speed of light								
			1865	Confec	lerate S	States of	America	formally surrender, U.S. Civil War ends
1867 Sir John Macdonald becomes first Prime Minister of Canada								
1884 Mark Twain writes Huckleberry Finn								ites Huckleberry Finn
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			0.475.51				1892	Tchaikovsky composes <i>The Nutcracker</i> ballet in St. Petersburg, Russia

1897

QUESTIONS

- 1. True or False: Johannes Brahms was a German composer.
- 2. Name a very famous American novel that was written during Brahms's lifetime.
- 3. How many symphonies did Brahms write?
- 4. What are the names of the composer and his wife who were Brahms's best friends?

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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-1791

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria and was perhaps the most famous child prodigy ever. His father, Leopold, was a composer and violinist who recognized his son's talent at a very early age. Wolfgang was composing by age five, and toured Europe playing the piano at age six. By the time he was 16, Mozart had already written several symphonies, sonatas and concertos.

Along with composers Haydn and Beethoven, Mozart developed many of the symphonic forms that define the classical period of music. He wrote 41 symphonies, numerous solo concertos and several famous operas. Unfortunately, he died young, at age 35, shortly after composing his famous *Requiem* for chorus and orchestra. Mozart's *Symphony #40 in G Minor* (1788), *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* (1787) and the operas *Don Giovanni* (1787) and *The Marriage of Figaro* (1786) are some of his most well-known compositions.

1756	Birth o	of Wolfga	ang Am	adeus N	Mozart				
43000	1760	Haydn	compos	ses Sym	phonie	s #2, 3	, <i>4</i> , and	5	
		1763	The Pa	eace of	<i>Paris</i> tr	eaty yie	lds muc	h of Ca	nada to Great Britain
			1764	Löndo	n, Engla	and intr	oduces p	oractice	of numbering houses
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				A SEC	1783	Americ	can Revo	olutiona	ry War ends
	\$3415E					1787	The Co	onstitutio	on of the U.S. signed in Philadelphia
					新教育		1789	Beginn	ing of the French Revolution
								1791	Haydn composes Surprise Symphony
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QUESTIONS

- Mozart's exceptional talents, shown at a very young age, allow him to be referred to as a _______
 Besides Mozart, two other very famous classical composers were ______ and ______
- 3. The last composition Mozart wrote before he died at age 35 was ______.
- 4. What war was taking place during part of Mozart's lifetime?

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