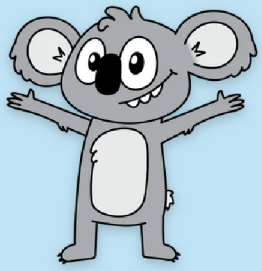
MUSIC THEORY · COMPOSERS · GRADES 3–5

Meet Johann Sebastian Bach

Read about a composer who played the organ and wrote music every week, then answer the questions.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Johann Sebastian Bach was born in 1685 in Eisenach, Germany, into a big family of musicians. As a boy he learned the violin and the harpsichord, and he grew up to be one of the best organ players of his time. For many years he led the music at St. Thomas Church in the city of Leipzig, where he often wrote new music for the choir every week. Bach had twenty children, and several of them became composers too. He wrote more than a thousand pieces of music, including the Brandenburg Concertos. Bach died in 1750. His music is still played all over the world.

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Bach was best known for playing the trumpet.	True	False
Bach had twenty children.	True	False
Bach wrote fewer than one hundred pieces of music.	True	False

Answer the questions.

In which city did Bach lead the church music for many years?

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Name one instrument Bach played.

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What would you ask Bach if you could meet him?

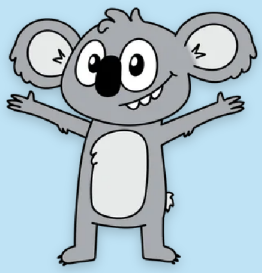
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ANSWER KEY · COMPOSERS · GRADES 3–5

Answer Key: Meet Johann Sebastian Bach

Answers for grown-ups. Where kids write or draw their own ideas, the key shows one example.



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the organ, the violin or the harpsichord

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