MUSIC THEORY · COMPOSERS · GRADES 2–5

Meet Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Read about a composer who started writing music when he was five, then answer the questions.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



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True or false?

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Mozart was born in Italy. True False

Mozart's sister was called Nannerl. True False

Mozart lived to be 90 years old. True False

Answer the questions.

Name an opera that Mozart wrote.

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About how many pieces of music did Mozart write?

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What were you learning to do when you were five?

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



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