

Mozart

Coloring and Fact Sheet



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (born in Salzburg, Austria, on January 27, 1756 - died in Vienna, Austria, on December 5, 1791) was a great composer. Mozart wrote some of the most beautiful pieces ever written.

Mozart's Early Life:

Mozart's father, Leopold, was a musician. Wolfgang was a child prodigy; at the age of five he composed a minuet, and played both the harpsichord and the violin. He

performed for the Viennese Royal court when he was six years old. From the age of 7 to 10, Wolfgang and his older sister toured Europe, playing for kings, emperors, and other royalty. Mozart wrote his first symphony at nine years old.

A Life of Composing:

During his short but very productive life, Mozart wrote over 600 pieces, including symphonies, sonatas, concertos, operas, dance music, and masses. Some of his most famous pieces are Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (A Little Night Music, 1787) and the operas Le Nozze di Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro, 1786), Don Giovanni (1787) and Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute, 1791).

Mozart married Constanze Weber in 1781; they had six children but only two survived to become adults. Mozart's popularity with the public went up and down, and he had continuous financial problems.

Mozart's Death:

Mozart was only 35 years old when he died on December 5, 1791. He had been ill for some time, often with rheumatic fever. Because he was penniless when he died, Mozart was buried in a pauper's grave in Vienna, Austria.

1756	Born in Salzburg, Austria
1762-1765	Goes on European concert tour, performs for Queen Marie Antoinette of France, and King George III of England.
1779	Becomes court and church organist for the Archbishop of Salzburg
1781	Moves to Vienna, marries Constanze Weber
1791	Dies in Vienna, at age 35



Questions for Students:

What were you doing at the age of 5? How would you feel if you were the one responsible for working to get enough money to pay your family's bills? Have you ever made up a song using your voice or on an instrument? Would you like to travel all over the U.S. performing? Would you like to sleep in a different bed every few days?

How would you act if you performed in front of the President of the United States? How do you think Mozart acted in front of the Queen of France? (There are funny stories about him!)

The worksheet below has questions that you can ask the students for listening retention.

Piece by Mozart to have children sing: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Name: _____ Date: _____

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born on January 27, 1756. He was born in a country called Austria. He started learning about music when he was very young. He began making his own melodies and songs when he was only 5 years old. Mozart traveled around with his sister and his father. They played for kings and queens and played music in a lot of different cities. Mozart composed, or made his very first symphony when he was only 8 year old.

Questions

How old was Mozart when he composed his first symphony? _____

When was Mozart born? _____

Who did Mozart travel and play music with? _____
