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Ludwig van Beethoven

Ludwig van Beethoven was a composer. He was born on December 16, 1770 in Bonn, Germany.

As a child, Beethoven grew up in Bonn. He wasn't a very happy child as he was forced to practice the piano by his father. Beethoven's father was also an alcoholic and would punish Ludwig whenever he made a mistake. By the time Ludwig was twelve, he was earning money for his family by composing music and playing the organ.

As an adult, Beethoven was known for his bad temper and unpleasant personality. He never married. In 1792, Beethoven moved to Vienna where he studied with Franz Joseph Haydn. Beethoven's first two symphonies were in the style of his teacher, but his third symphony was so different that it changed music forever.

After his third symphony, Beethoven started to lose his hearing, but he still continued to write symphonies. By the time Beethoven wrote his ninth symphony, he was totally deaf. Beethoven died on March 26, 1827. He is now considered to be one of the greatest musicians to have ever lived.

1. When was Beethoven born?

- a. He was born in 1792.
- b. He was born in 1770.
- c. He was born in 1827.
- d. He was born in 1985.

2. Where was Beethoven from?

- a. He was from France.
- b. He was from England.
- c. He was from Germany.
- d. He was from America.

3. Where did he grow up?

- a. He grew up in Bonn.
- b. He grew up in London.
- c. He grew up in Japan.
- d. He grew up in Vienna.



4. Who forced him to practice the piano?
 - a. His mother forced him to practice.
 - b. His brother forced him to practice.
 - c. His teacher forced him to practice.
 - d. His father forced him to practice.

5. When did his father punish him?
 - a. He was punished when he didn't practice.
 - b. He was punished when he was late.
 - c. He was punished when he made a mistake.
 - d. He was punished when he was hot.

6. How did Beethoven earn money?
 - a. He earned money by composing music.
 - b. He earned money by working.
 - c. He earned money by washing clothes.
 - d. He earned money by dancing.

7. What was Beethoven known for?
 - a. He was known for his big feet.
 - b. He was known for his bad temper.
 - c. He was known for dancing.
 - d. He was known for singing.

8. Why did Beethoven move to Vienna?
 - a. He wanted to study with Haydn.
 - b. He wanted to study with Mozart.
 - c. He wanted to study with Picasso.
 - d. He wanted to draw pictures.

9. When did Beethoven become deaf?
 - a. Before he wrote his 9th symphony.
 - b. Before he wrote his first symphony.
 - c. After he wrote his 3rd symphony.
 - d. After he wrote his second symphony.

10. When did Beethoven pass away?
 - a. He passed away in 1770.
 - b. He passed away in 1990.
 - c. He passed away in 1827.
 - d. He passed away in 1792.

11. Did Beethoven have a happy childhood?
 - a. Yes he did.
 - b. No he didn't.

12. What instrument did Beethoven play?
 - a. He played the trumpet.
 - b. He played the drums
 - c. He played the organ and the piano.
 - d. He played the trombone.