

Wolfgang Mozart

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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Jan. 27, 1756 - Dec. 5, 1791) was one of the greatest composers of all time.

Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria. His father, Leopold, was a musician. Wolfgang began playing the piano at 3 years old and composed his first pieces at age 5 - his earliest pieces were minuets. He wrote his first symphony at age 9. From the age of 7 to 10 years old, he toured Europe, playing for royalty.

During his short but 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 financial problems.

Mozart died at the age of 35, perhaps from rheumatic fever. He was buried in an unmarked grave in Vienna, Austria.

Questions

1. Name one of Mozart's operas. _____

2. How many pieces of music did Mozart compose? _____
3. How old was Mozart when he died? _____