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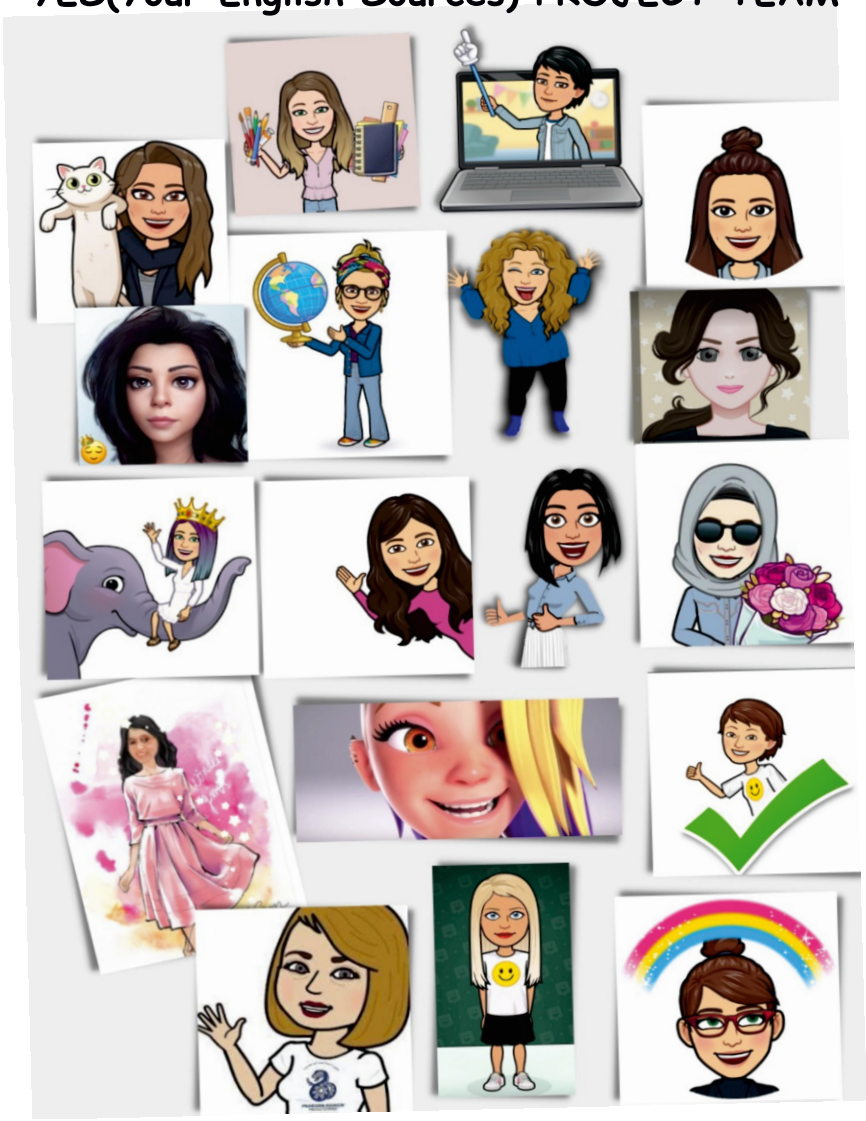
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Wolfgang Mozart was an Austrian composer who wrote many operas, concertos, symphonies and sonatas that shaped classical music in a very significant way. He was one of the most talented and productive musical composers of all time.





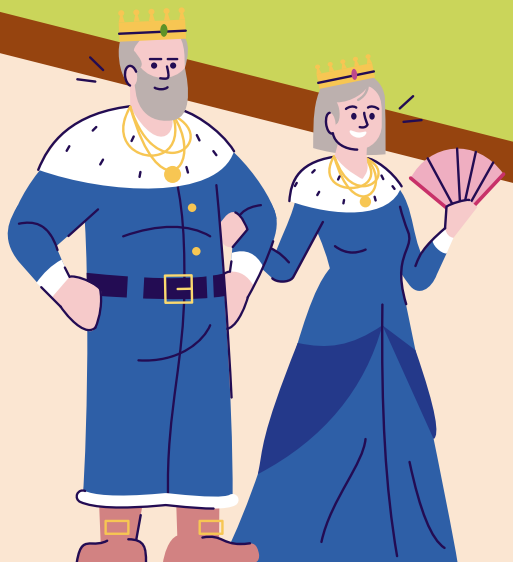




Famous musician prodigy Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born on October 27, 1756 in Salzburg,Austria. His father's name was Leopold Mozart and his mother's name was Anna Maria Perti Mozart. His first name “Wolfgang” means “wolf path” and is a German name. His middle name Amadeus means “ God’s love” in Latin.

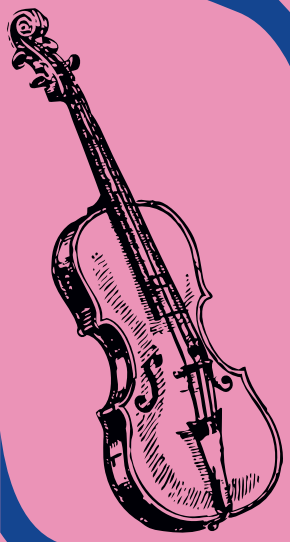
He wrote his first piece of music at age five and learned how to play the harpsichord, the violin, the piano, organ and the viola. Mozart's father saw at once how brilliant his son was and he had the bright idea to take him on a tour around the smartest palaces of Europe to show his talents to kings,queens,or aristocrats and earn some money, too.







The Mozart's home was full of music.Wolfgang's father was a composer,a violinist and a music teacher.He introduced him and his older sister to music at an early age. When Wolfgang was three, he watched his seven year old sister learn piano.





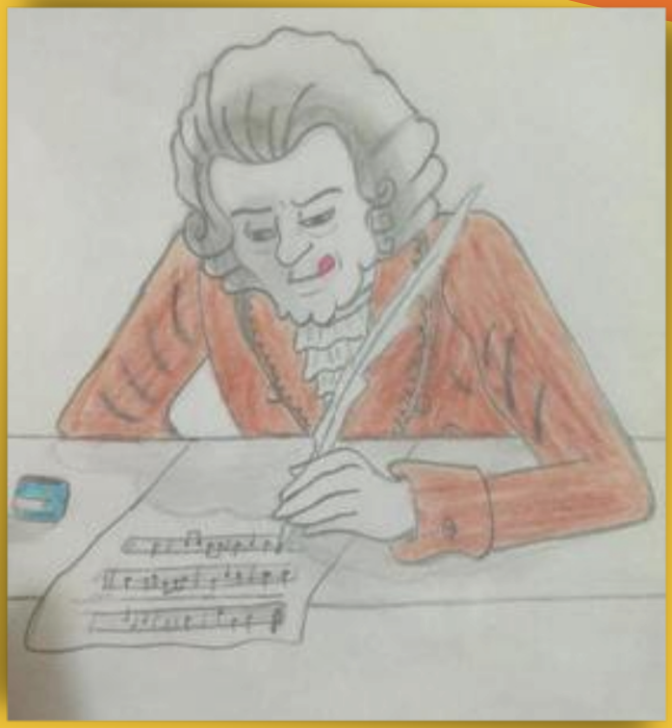




At just 3 years old, Mozart could easily distinguish the harmonic sequence of some instruments and play lots of piano songs by ear, so he could already be considered "a wonderful child."





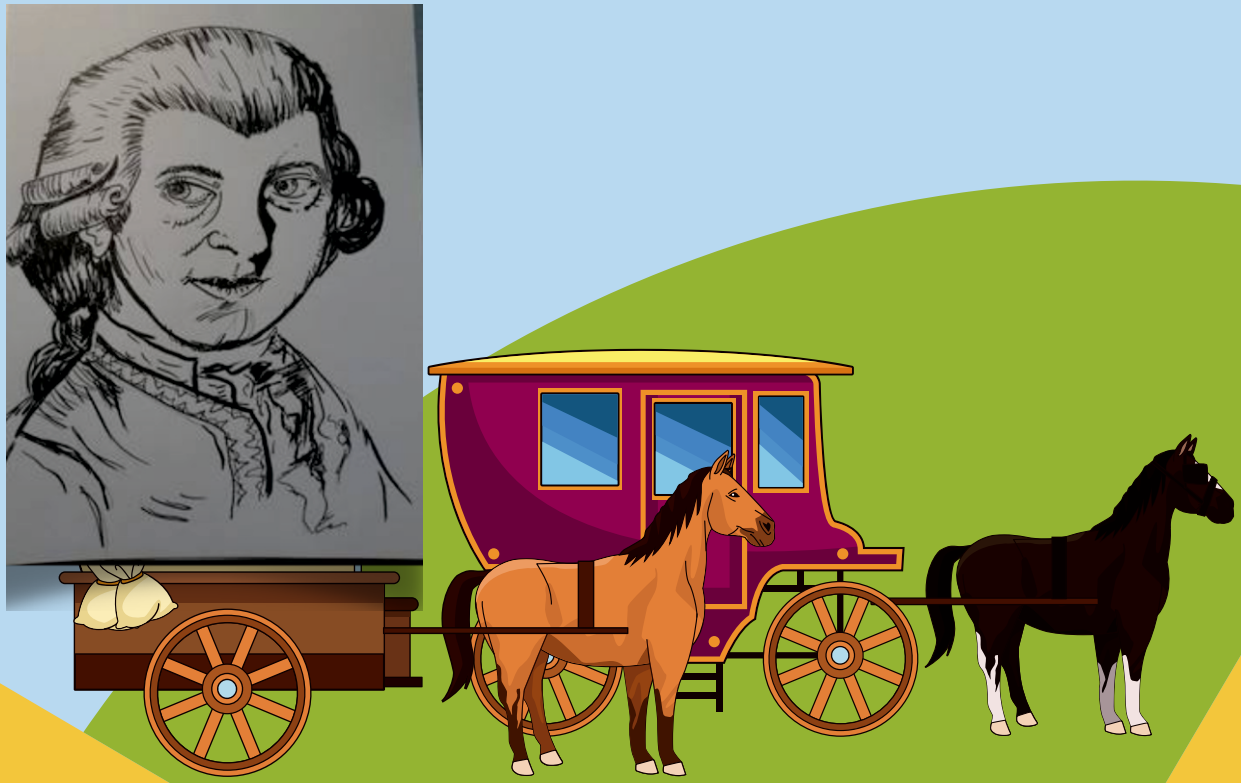




When he was eight years old,Mozart wrote his first symphony.When he was eleven, he wrote his first opera.He was really a prolific composer.

The Mozarts travelled to many cities and played in Paris, London, the Hague and Zurich. These trips were long and difficult. It lasted more than three years.

Many times Wolfgang and other members of his family became very sick.



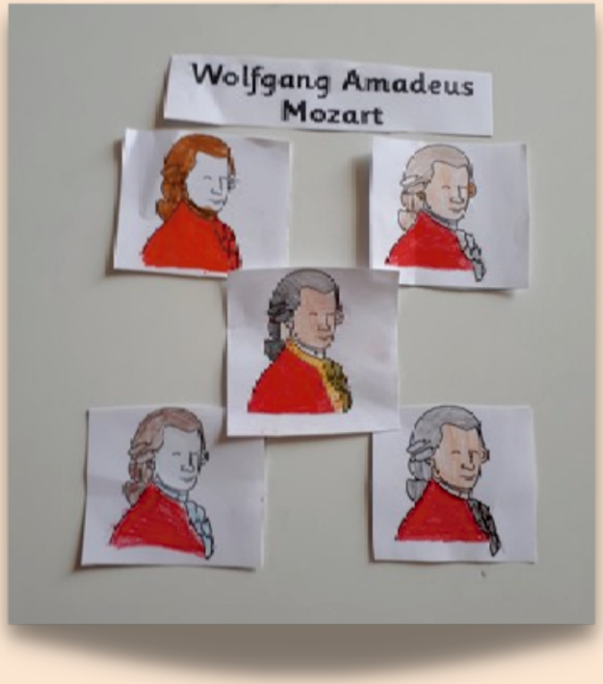




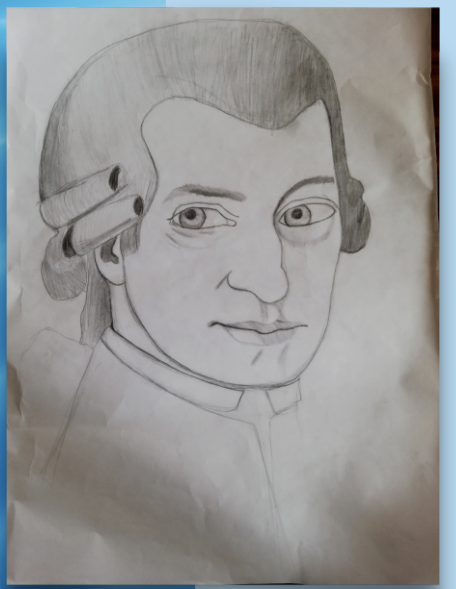


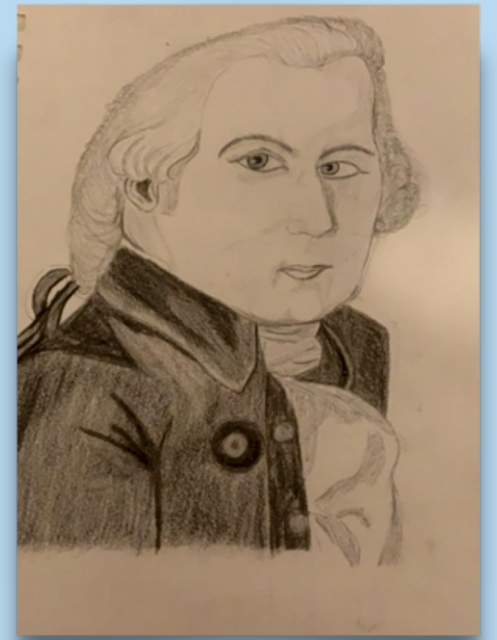
As a teenager Mozart worked as a court musician in Salzburg but it didn't pay very well and rarely boring. Mozart was so ambitious that he moved to Vienna. He found a lot of success there, played concerts, composed operas and got married with Constanza Weber. They raised two children,
Carl Thomas Mozart and
Franz Xaver Wolfgang Mozart.

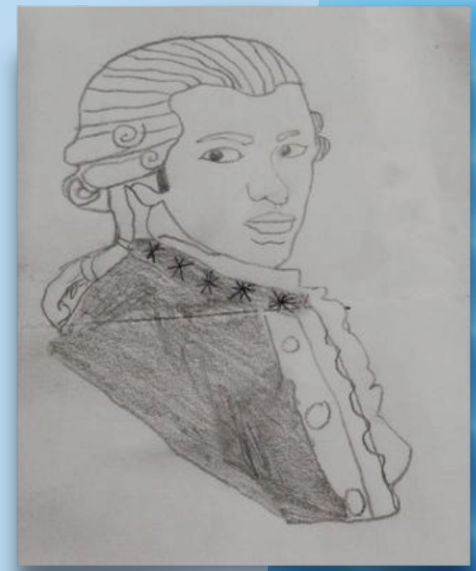
Unfortunately he did not manage his money well and despite his success Mozart was often in financial difficulty. In his thirty-five years he managed to write over six hundred pieces of music that's a lot of paper.



One of the most important works of
Mozart's career is known as
'The Abduction from the Palace' opera.
Thanks to this work,
Mozart's name was heard more.
It was brought to life in 1782.







Another major work of him was that "RONDO ALLA TURCA"

It was written and composed by Mozart. It is also known as "Turkish Rondo"and "Turkish March". It is the third and last movement of Mozart's Piano Sonato No.11.



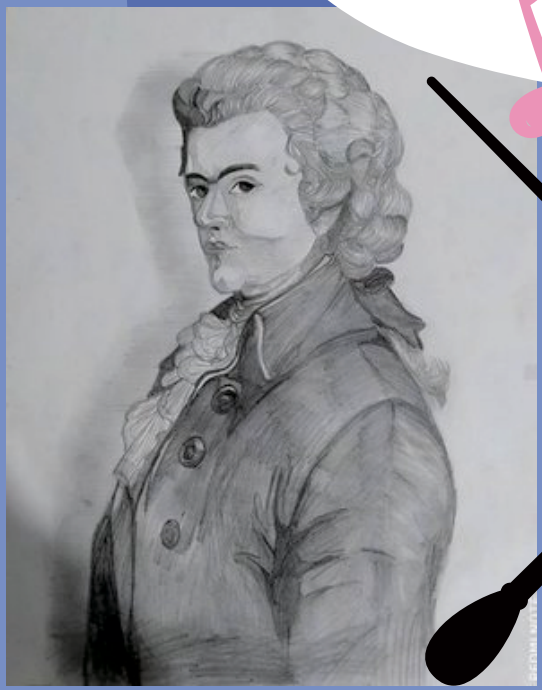


It imitates the sound
Turkish Janissary bands, the music of
which was much in vogue at that time.
It was composed in Vienna or Salzburg around
1783. The underlying rhythm
of the march has similarities of
Ottoman Army Music.





Mozart died on December 5, 1791 at age 35. No one is sure how he died but we only know that he was sick. When he died,he was burried in a small,quiet ceremony
but his music lives on.





He composed in every genre of the time including forms like : opera, chamber music, concerto, symphony and requiems. Today more than 200 years after his death, Mozart's music is world-famous and still popular. You probably recognize at least one
song he wrote even if you didn't know it was written by Mozart.



WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE BY MOZART?

 Symphony # 40 in G minor	Rondo Alla Turca 	The Magic Flute: Queen of The Night 
 12 variations on ah vous dirai-je maman	 Marriage of Figaro Overture	 Fantasia in D Minor
Minuet in G, K1 	Eine Kleine Nachtmusik 	Symphony # 41 in C minor 

GLOSSARY

ambitious (adj) : having a strong wish to be successful, powerful, or rich

composer (n) : a person who writes music, especially as a professional occupation.

distinguish (v) : to notice or understand the difference between two things.

Janissary (n) : a soldier of an elite corps of Turkish troops organized in the 14th century and abolished in 1826.

prodigy (n) : a young person with exceptional qualities or abilities.

requiem (n) : a musical composition in honor of the dead.

vogue (adj) : popular.

ACTIVITIES

Reading Comprehension

1. Where was Mozart born?

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2. When was Mozart born?

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3. How old was he when he played the piano?

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4. How old was he when he wrote his first opera?

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5. What does Wolfgang mean?

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6. When did Mozart write "Turkish March"?

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7. Why did Mozart call Alla Turca as a Turkish March ?

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8. How old was he when he died?

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ACTIVITIES

Read the statements below and choose TRUE or FALSE.

1. Mozart was born in Italy. TRUE FALSE
2. Mozart was born in 1756. TRUE FALSE
3. His father's name was Leopold Mozart. TRUE FALSE
4. He started playing the piano at the age of 10. TRUE FALSE
5. Mozart had two children. TRUE FALSE
6. Mozart wrote over 600 individual pieces of music. TRUE FALSE
7. Mozart composed opera, chamber music, concerto, symphony and requiems. TRUE FALSE
8. Mozart was old when he died. TRUE FALSE

Let's help Mozart to find his right way.



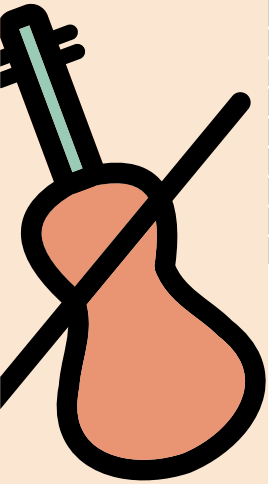
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MUSICIAN	MOZART	OPERA
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REQUIEM	PROLIFIC	RONDO
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The first person cracking the code successfully in the class is

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Mozart was a multi-instrumentalist. He could play different instruments.

Let's match the words with the pictures.









Viola

Harpsichord

Organ

Piano

Violin



"The music is not
in the notes,
but in the silence between."

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



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