

Rainbow Readers

Title: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

socialize	dazzled	multiple	inspired	fortune
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1. In China, the color red represents good fortune.
2. The skater dazzled the audience with her grace and skill.
3. Many animals, including dogs and cats, have multiple babies at one time.
4. He studies so hard that he has little time to socialize with his friends.
5. Love has inspired a lot of poets and songwriters.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. The harpsichord was a new instrument when Mozart was young. T / F
2. Mozart especially loved opera as a young boy. T / F
3. Mozart and his sister performed for many powerful people. T / F
4. His first symphony was called the *Jupiter Symphony*. T / F
5. Mozart started earning less money because of war. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. The Mozart family earned money through the children's (public / private) concerts.
2. Mozart's first operas were performed in (Vienna / Milan).
3. Mozart (disliked / loved) living in Salzburg.
4. Mozart's (violin / piano) concertos made him popular in Vienna.
5. Mozart managed his money (well / poorly).

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Which is true of young Mozart?

- a. He had several sisters.
- b. His father was the Prince Archbishop.
- c. His father made him study music.
- d. His sister Nannerl was older.

2. Mozart's first compositions were _____.

- a. music for the harpsichord
- b. music for the piano
- c. operas
- d. symphonies

3. Why did Mozart leave his job in Vienna?

- a. He was offered another job.
- b. He was treated badly.
- c. His health became poor.
- d. His employer fired him.

4. Haydn inspired Mozart to write _____.

- a. operas
- b. symphonies
- c. string quartets
- d. concertos

5. All of the following are true about the last year of Mozart's life EXCEPT:

- a. he composed many dance tunes
- b. he wrote two operas
- c. he conducted *The Magic Flute*
- d. he finished the requiem mass

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

harpsichord	mass	era	concertos	conductor
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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg in 1756. His father was a musician and conductor. Mozart showed talent for the harpsichord very early and was composing music by age 5. His father took him and his sister around Europe to give concerts. They became famous. Mozart loved opera and wrote his first one when he was 14. He also wrote symphonies, concertos, and other compositions. When he was 17 he went to work for the Prince Archbishop of Salzburg. The job took him to Vienna, which he loved. But he disliked the job and resigned. In Vienna, he got married and worked as a musician and composer. Two of his operas made him famous all over Europe. In the 1780s he and his wife had money problems. But the success of his new opera *The Magic Flute* helped. In 1791 he became ill and died before finishing his last work, the *Requiem* Mass. Mozart is still considered a genius and the greatest composer of the Classical era.