

# TCHAIKOVSKY

This is Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. He was from Russia. He was born on May 7, 1840.

Although Pyotr was talented in music he was sent to study law in St. Petersburg. But a passion for music led him to change his career path. He began to write symphonies and teach music. Tchaikovsky then went on to become one of history's most famous composers.



In his music, Tchaikovsky sought to combine his roots in Russian culture with his love for western classical music. As his music grew in popularity, Pyotr toured Europe and the United States, meeting many other prominent composers.

Tchaikovsky wrote many well-known and beloved compositions such as "Swan Lake", "1812 Overture" and the "Nutcracker Suite."

Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg in 1893.

*Answer the questions.*

1. Where was Pyotr born? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When was he born? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did he study at first? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tchaikovsky combined \_\_\_\_\_ culture with western classical music.
5. Where and when did Tchaikovsky die? \_\_\_\_\_