

WRITING A BIOGRAPHY

Van Cao – a famous Vietnamese composer

1. Choose the correct definition of a biography

the story of a person's life written by someone else

the story of the writer's life

the story of the life of a group of people

2. Read the text below and match a-d to the correct paragraph.

a. Conclusion b. Important achievements c. Typical Works d. Early years



Van Cao's real name is Nguyen Van Cao. He was a composer who was born on 15 November 1923 in Hai Phong, but his hometown was Nam Dinh. Van Cao wrote many songs.

Some of his most well-known are: Go Dong Da (1942); Tien Quan Ca (1944); Bai Ca Chien Si Hai Quan (1945); Khong Quan Viet Nam (1945); Ngay Mua (1948).

Van Cao's song Tien Quan Ca written in 1944 became the national anthem of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Van Cao is remembered as one of the most important composers of modern Vietnamese music and one of the most popular composers in the world. He died on July 10, 1995 in Ha Noi. After his death, he received the Ho Chi Minh Prize.

3. Read the text again and answer these questions

1. When was Van Cao born?
2. Where was he born?
3. Which of his works was the most important?
4. When did he die? Where?
5. What do you think about Van Cao?