

Listening Ex. > The Master

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A. Listen to a short biography of Ludwig van Beethoven. Complete each sentence using ONE VERB from the recording. USE NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS on each line.

1. Ludwig van Beethoven _____ in Vonn, Germany.
2. He _____ to Vienna to study under Mozart.
3. After his mother's death, Beethoven _____ to Vienna.
4. Beethoven _____ to lose his hearing in the late 1790s.
5. After going deaf, he _____ to compose music.
6. Beethoven _____ much music in his later years.



B. Listen to the recording again. Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

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| 1. Ludwig van Beethoven was younger than his brothers. | | |
| 2. Beethoven's mother died while he was in Vienna. | | |
| 3. Beethoven did not come back to his hometown after losing his mother. | | |
| 4. Unluckily, his first public performance did not go well. | | |
| 5. After being deaf his music became dark and nostalgic. | | |
| 6. Beethoven and his mother died in the same city. | | |

C. Use only the NUMBERS mentioned in the recording to complete each idea.

1. He published his first composition at the age of _____.
2. In _____ he gave his first public performance as a pianist.
3. Beethoven went completely deaf by _____.
4. He wrote *Heroica* in _____ and *Emperor* in _____.
5. He died on March _____, _____ after catching pneumonia.
6. More than _____ people came to his funeral.



D. Answer the following questions. Use NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) WORDS on each line.

1. Who played music in his family? _____.
2. What instruments did Beethoven learn to play? _____.
3. How did he feel in his later years? _____.
4. Did he get married? _____.
5. What two ideas did he express with his music? _____.



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