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### Ludwig van Beethoven

Ludwig van Beethoven was a composer.

He was born on December 16th, 1770 in Bonn, Germany.

As a child Beethoven grew up in Bonn. He wasn't a very happy child as he was forced to practice the piano by his father. Beethoven's father was also an alcoholic and would punish Ludwig whenever he made a mistake. By the time Ludwig was twelve he was earning money for his family by composing music and playing the organ.



As an adult Beethoven was known for his bad temper and unpleasant personality. He never married.

In 1792 Beethoven moved to Vienna where he studied with Franz Joseph Haydn. Beethoven's first two symphonies were in the style of his teacher, but his third symphony was so different that it changed music forever.

After his third symphony Beethoven started to lose his hearing, but he still continued to write symphonies. By the time Beethoven wrote his ninth symphony he was totally deaf.

Beethoven died on March 26th, 1827.

He is now considered to be one of the greatest musicians to have ever lived.