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対象 : 小学 3～6 年生

A Life Filled with Music

Mozart is one of the most famous composers in history. When he was only 3 years old, he used to join his elder sister for her music lessons. By the time he was 5, Mozart was making up his own music.

In the 18th century, when Mozart lived, most people didn't believe that a little boy could write such beautiful music. They thought Mozart's father had secretly written it.

So to test him, they asked young Mozart to stay in a room alone for a week. At the end of the week, Mozart had written a new piece of choir music. People agreed that he was a genius.

Mozart studied, taught, played, and wrote music all his life. His music was often joyous, sometimes grim, but always beautiful. Mozart used the orchestra's instruments in ways no one else had done before.

Mozart created new varieties of music. He could compose in many musical styles and play equally well on the organ, the harpsichord, the piano, and the violin. Mozart could hear a piece once and then play it from memory, sometimes rewriting and improving it as he played.

Although he died when he was still a young man, Mozart wrote 16 operas, 41 symphonies, and more than 500 other pieces of music. He really lived a life filled with music. (225 words)

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