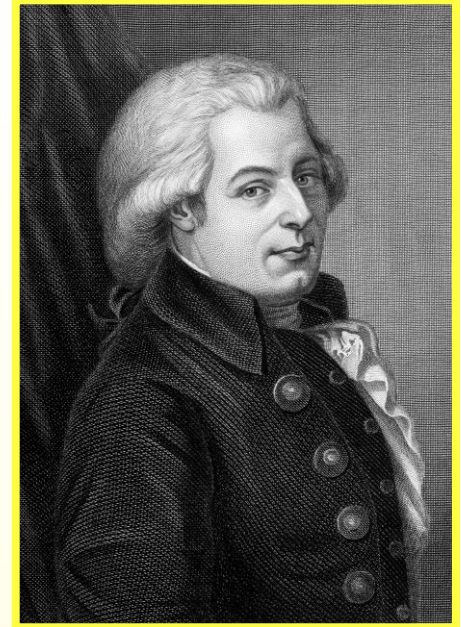


Mozart

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg on the 27th of January 1756. His given name was Johannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus Theophilus Mozart.



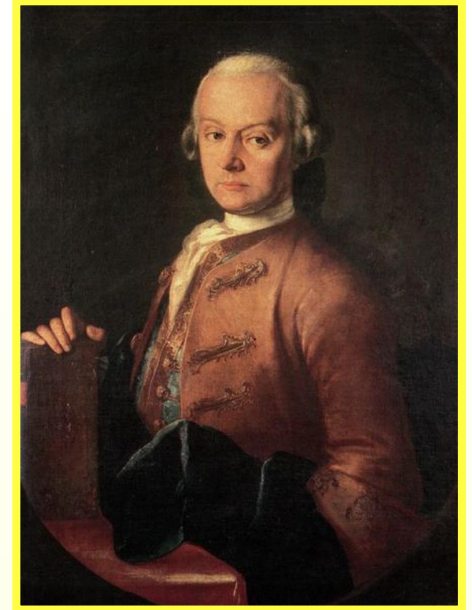
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Mozart's last opera, The Magic Flute, was first performed three months before he died. Mozart conducted the orchestra himself.



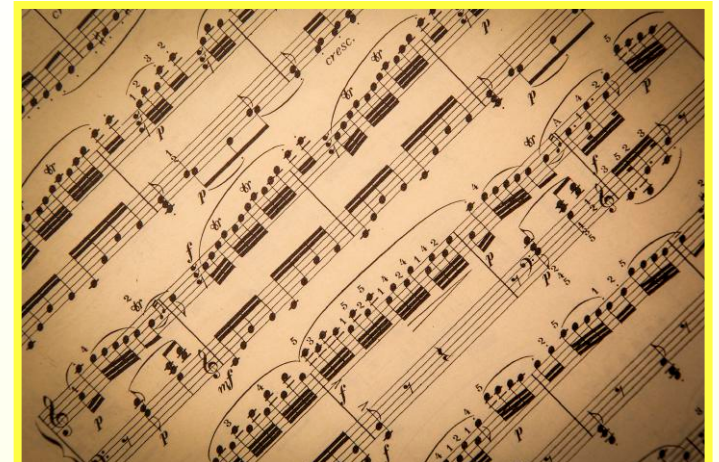
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Leopold Mozart, Wolfgang's father, was a composer and musician. He tutored Wolfgang and his older sister on the clavier, harpsichord and violin.



Mozart

Mozart's talent was apparent very early on and by age of 7 he was giving concerts to European royalty. He could write music before he could write words!



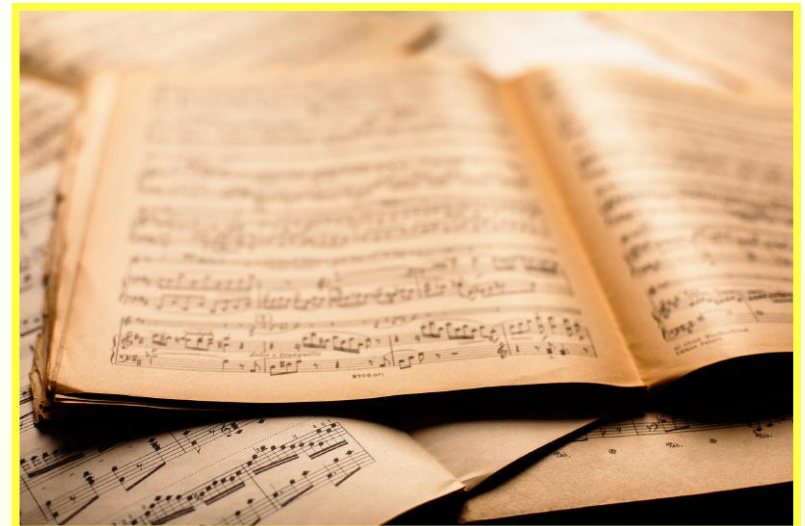
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Mozart began composing when he was six years old. He was eight when he wrote his first symphony (Symphony No. 1 in E $\flat$ major).



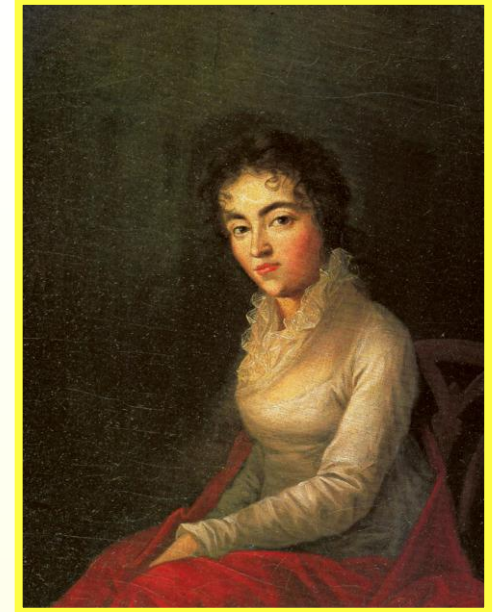
Mozart

He is reported to have had an amazing memory for music and could write down a piece from memory after hearing it just once.



Mozart

On the 4th of August 1782, Mozart married Constanze Weber. The couple had six children, but only two sons survived into adulthood.



Mozart

In his lifetime, Mozart composed over 600 works, including over 50 symphonies, 27 stage works and 26 string quartets.



Mozart

When he was eight, his talent made people suspect that he might be a very small adult. He was examined by a scientist who confirmed that he was a child.



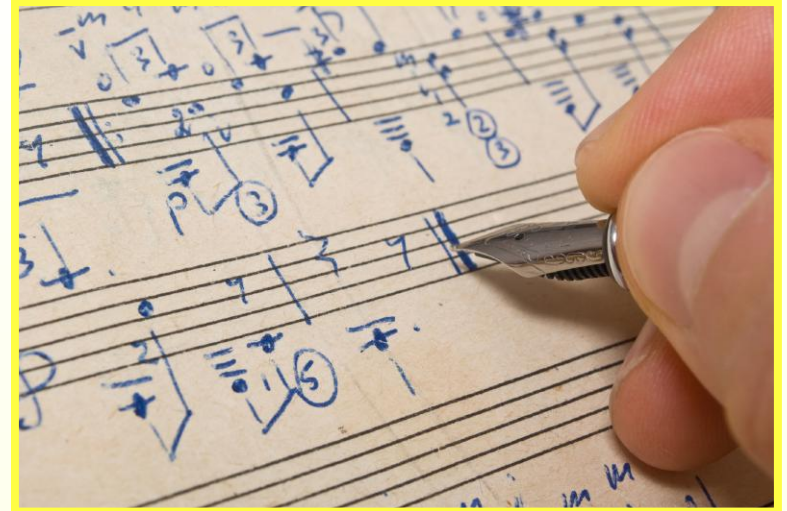
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The Mozart Monument is a bronze statue that stands in Mozart Square, Salzburg. It was unveiled on 5th September, 1842. Mozart's two sons were present at the ceremony.



Mozart

Even though he was the most famous composer in Europe, Mozart often found it difficult to find work, so he was regularly short of money.



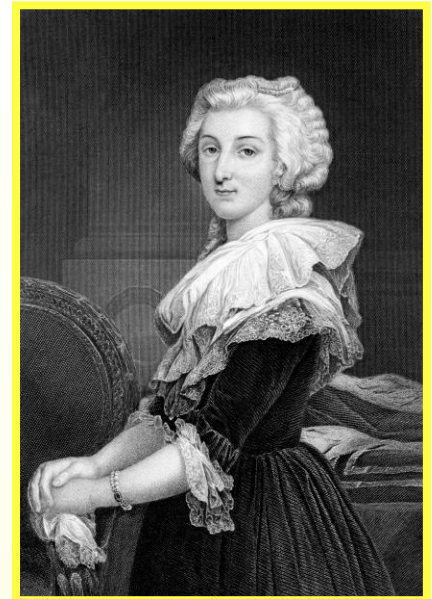
Mozart

Mozart's works were catalogued by Ludwig von Köchel, who gave each piece a 'K' number to identify it. For example, The Marriage of Figaro, one of his best loved operas, has the number K. 492.



Mozart

During a performance for Empress Maria Theresa, it is reported that Mozart asked if he could marry the Empress' young daughter when he grew up. The girl was Marie Antoinette, later Queen of France.



Mozart

During a tour of Italy in 1770, Mozart was awarded the Order of the Golden Spur (an honorary knighthood) by Pope Clement XIV.



Mozart

Mozart's older sister Nannerl was also considered a child prodigy (able to perform as well as a talented adult musician) and she toured Europe with him until she was eighteen.



Mozart

Plays, an opera and a film have been written about the rivalry between Mozart and Antonio Salieri, a composer working at the same time.



Mozart

When he was 11, Mozart became gravely ill with smallpox. He made a full recovery, but his face was scarred for the rest of his life.



Mozart

As was the custom at the time, Mozart was buried in an unmarked grave in Vienna. The grave has been marked since, and a headstone added. There is also a memorial in the graveyard.



Mozart

Mozart left his final work, Requiem mass in D minor, unfinished at his death. It had been commissioned by a nobleman, who intended to pretend that he had written it!



Mozart

Mozart died aged only 35 on the 5th of December 1791 in Vienna. The cause of his death is unknown, though at the time some newspapers speculated that he had been poisoned!



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