

Ludwig van Beethoven Test

1. Beethoven was one of the world's greatest _____.
 - A. poets
 - B. writers
 - C. artists
 - D. composers
2. When he was four years old he began studying _____.
 - A. piano and violin
 - B. harpsichord and viola
 - C. violin and flute
 - D. piano and trombone
3. His first teacher was _____.
 - A. Handel
 - B. Mozart
 - C. his father
 - D. his mother
4. To make Beethoven practice he _____.
 - A. bribed him
 - B. beat him and locked him up
 - C. talked kindly to him
 - D. threatened to ground him
5. His father was cruel because he _____.
 - A. was worried about finances
 - B. had been abused as a child
 - C. was an alcoholic
 - D. had too many children
6. Beethoven's new teacher was _____.
 - A. very patient with him
 - B. just like his old teacher
 - C. young and pretty
 - D. not a very good teacher
7. Beethoven wrote his first song when he was _____ years old.
 - A. fifteen
 - B. eight
 - C. eleven
 - D. eighteen
8. He conducted an orchestra for the first time at age _____.
 - A. ten
 - B. sixteen
 - C. seventeen
 - D. twelve
9. In Vienna he studied with _____.
 - A. Mozart
 - B. Haydn
 - C. Schubert
 - D. Brahms
10. He stopped studying with that composer because the composer _____.
 - A. could teach him nothing new
 - B. charged too much
 - C. wanted all the credit for himself
 - D. became easily angered

11. Beethoven was different from other composers because _____.

- A. he wrote the kind of music he liked
- B. he was taller
- C. he could sing better
- D. he wrote exactly what people wanted

12. He played the _____ at parties and concerts in Europe.

- A. flute
- B. piano
- C. harpsichord
- D. violin

13. He liked using a _____.

- A. string orchestra
- B. quintet
- C. very large orchestra
- D. small orchestra

14. On long walks during the day he _____.

- A. prayed a lot
- B. watched the birds
- C. studied the trees
- D. planned the music he would write

15. One time he wrote some notes on _____.

- A. the palm of his hand
- B. the bark of a tree
- C. a window shade
- D. a tablecloth

16. When he wrote a composition he wanted it to _____.

- A. have only a few mistakes in it
- B. please everyone
- C. sound like his other compositions
- D. be perfect

17. When he became deaf he _____.

- A. became suspicious of people
- B. stopped writing music
- C. cried a lot
- D. went to live with his brother

18. Beethoven raised his nephew when _____.

- A. his sister became ill
- B. the boy ran away from home
- C. the family fell on hard times
- D. his brother died

19. Beethoven died of _____.

- A. a gunshot wound
- B. tuberculosis
- C. pneumonia
- D. deafness

20. A long musical composition for a full orchestra is called _____.

- A. a symphony
- B. an overture
- C. an elegy
- D. an opera