

Blizzard Bag #2
Franz Joseph Haydn – Multiple Choice Exercise



Haydn was born in Austria in 1732. He died at age 77 in 1809. His parents were poor and could not afford music lessons. At age 6, Haydn went to live with his cousin who helped begin his music training. He joined the famous boys choir at St. Stephen Cathedral in Vienna.

Haydn, a classical composer, was conducting the orchestra for Prince Esterhazy. He wrote the Farewell Symphony because his orchestra members were tired and needed a vacation. They wanted to go home and visit their families. The symphony was written so that when it was performed, the musicians left one at a time until none were left on the stage. Haydn had a great sense of humor. The prince let the orchestra members have a vacation.

A few of Haydn's other famous compositions were the 'Piano Sonata in D Major', 'The Creation', and 'Symphony No. 94 in G Major (The Surprise Symphony)'. Haydn was a good friend of Mozart, another great composer.

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. Haydn shared a long friendship with another composer named...
 - A. Mozart
 - B. Debussy
 - C. Chopin
2. Haydn was invited to join what at a young age?
 - A. The military
 - B. The theatre
 - C. The boys choir in Vienna
3. Why did the orchestra members get up and leave during the Farewell Symphony?
 - A. They needed a vacation and wanted to go home and see their families.
 - B. They forgot to bring all their music.
 - C. They were upset with Haydn.
4. Could his parents afford for Haydn to take music lessons?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

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5. When did Joseph Haydn begin musical training?
 - A. age 9
 - B. age 8
 - C. age 6

6. What style or period of music did Haydn create?
 - A. Baroque
 - B. Romantic
 - C. Classical

7. How old was Haydn when he died?
 - A. 85
 - B. 77
 - C. 60

8. What country was Haydn born in?
 - A. America
 - B. Austria
 - C. Australia

9. What was the name of one of Haydn's symphonies?
 - A. Farewell Symphony
 - B. The Entertainer
 - C. Ode to Joy, 9th Symphony

10. Who helped Haydn to begin taking formal music training / music lessons?
 - A. Haydn's cousin
 - B. Haydn's neighbor
 - C. Prince Esterhazy