



Johann Sebastian Bach
Baroque Period
1685-1750

Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany. Both of his parents died before he was ten. He then stayed with his older brother Christoph, a church organist. Christoph taught Bach how to play the harpsichord and organ. For almost his whole life, Bach was a church musician.

At age eighteen, Bach began composing. When he was twenty-two, he married. He was then chosen for court violinist and organist for the Duke of Weimar. In 1720, Bach's wife suddenly died, and he remarried a year later.

Bach moved to Leipzig Germany and became a private choir school. He was happy with his job, but the main reason why he took the job was to educate the children. His works were often performed poorly by amateur musicians. He wasn't paid well but he still kept the job. He probably wouldn't guess that 200 years later, people would be playing his songs.

1. Where was Bach born? _____
2. What two instruments did Christoph teach Bach? _____, _____
3. How old was Bach when he married? _____
4. What place did Bach move to? _____