



*Ludwig van Beethoven*  
*Classical and Romantic Period*  
*1770-1827*

*Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany. He began taking piano lessons at the age of four. When Beethoven turned eight, his dad made money off of him by showing off his talent and claimed that he was only six.*

*Beethoven was not a musical prodigy like Mozart, but when he turned fourteen, he was the assistant organist at a local church. When he was seventeen, he actually met Mozart. Mozart then predicted a great future for Beethoven.*

*Composing for Beethoven was difficult. He began losing his hearing in his twenty's, and in his forty's he gave up performing and devoted all his time into composing. The last twelve years of his life were spent composing as he steadily lost all of his hearing.*

1. At what age did Mozart start playing the piano?\_\_\_\_\_
2. What age did Beethoven's father claim he was, even though it was a lie?\_\_\_\_\_
3. Who did Beethoven meet when he was 17?\_\_\_\_\_
4. At what age did Beethoven give up performing?\_\_\_\_\_