

LISTENING TOGETHER

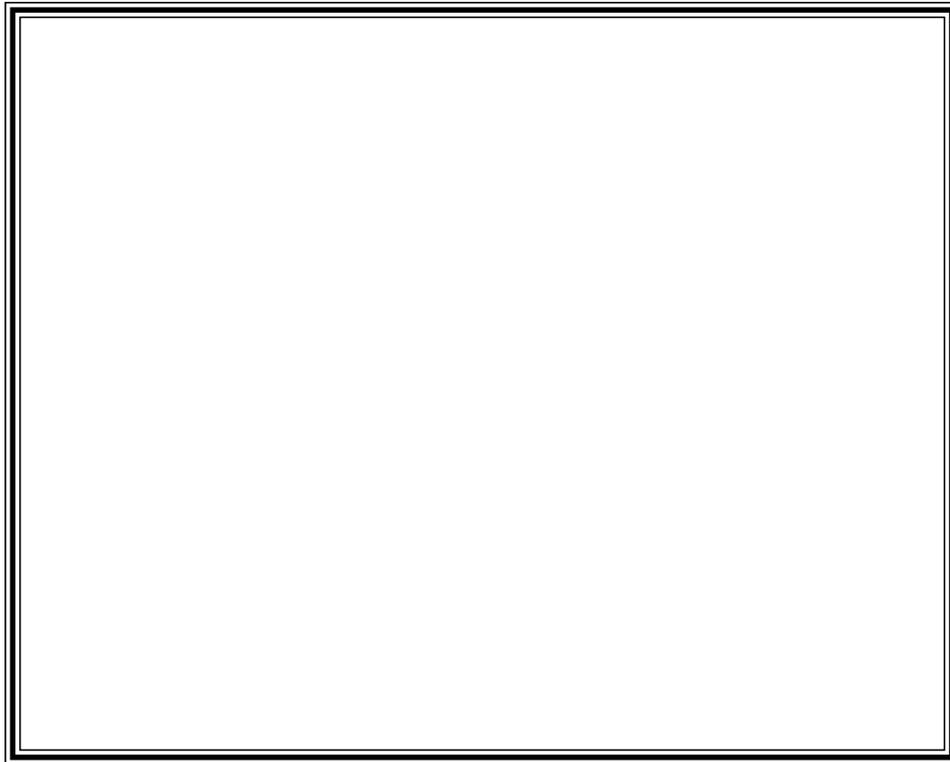
Begin by listening to *Peter and the Wolf*.

“The composer created a story by painting a picture with various sounds. During the performance I want us to listen for the different musical instruments used to tell the story of *Peter and the Wolf*. As you are listening draw pictures telling the story of *Peter and the Wolf*.”

Make available large pieces of paper and painting supplies.

The First Picture

PETER IN THE GREEN MEADOW



Showing Peter in the green meadow

- ... with a bird sitting upon a branch of a big tree,
- ... with a duck in the pond,
- ... and a cat crawling through the grass.

B I O G R A P H I E S
of the GREAT COMPOSERS

S P E N D I N G *M* O M E N T S *with the* *M* A S T E R S

MUSIC & MOMENTS
with the MASTERS

Johann Sebastian Bach

1685 - 1750



Getting
To Know
Bach ...

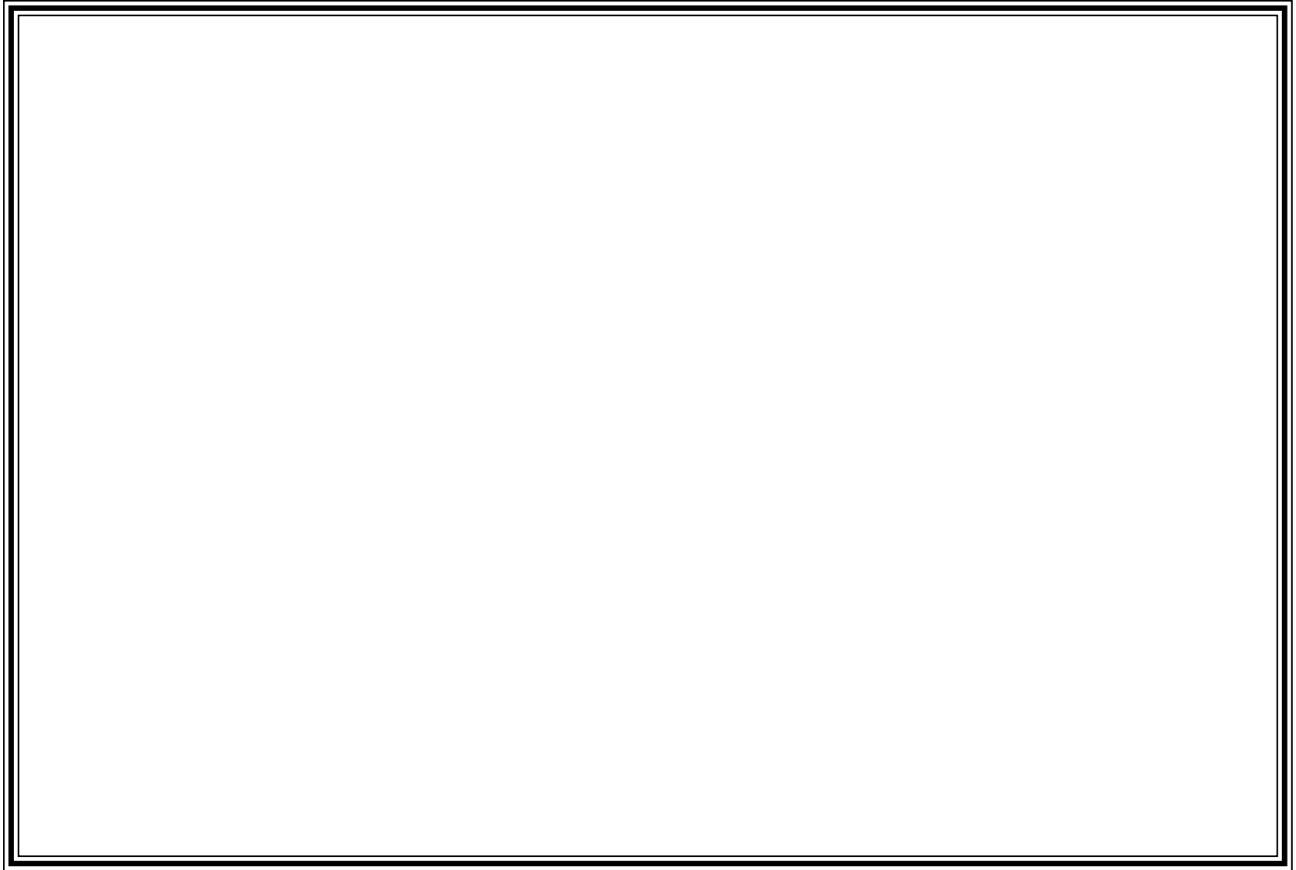
- ♪ Tell about the Bach family name.
- ♪ What did it mean in the 1600's?
- ♪ Where was Johann Sebastian Bach's home?
- ♪ What was his first instrument?
- ♪ How could you tell he loved music?

- ♪ Tell about Johann's teenage years.
- ♪ Name some of his favorite instruments.
- ♪ What were some of the jobs which Bach did in his lifetime?
- ♪ What was his attitude toward fame?
- ♪ What was his life motto that he wrote on most of his music?
- ♪ What is a Kapellmeister?
- ♪ What is counterpoint? What pieces showed Bach's art of counterpoint?
- ♪ Describe some of the difficulties and tragedies of J.S. Bach's life.
- ♪ What did his family do for enjoyment?
- ♪ Read Scripture relating to Bach's experience while writing the St. Matthew Passion?
- ♪ What words describe Bach's attitude even toward the trials and difficulties of his life?
- ♪ Who discovered the greatness of his works many years after Bach's death?

Getting To Know Bach's Music ...

What pictures come to your mind as you listen to the music of Bach?

As you listen, make a drawing or sketch.



What words would you use to describe his music?

Write a paragraph describing his work.

Ludwig van Beethoven _____

1770 - 1827



Getting To Know Beethoven...

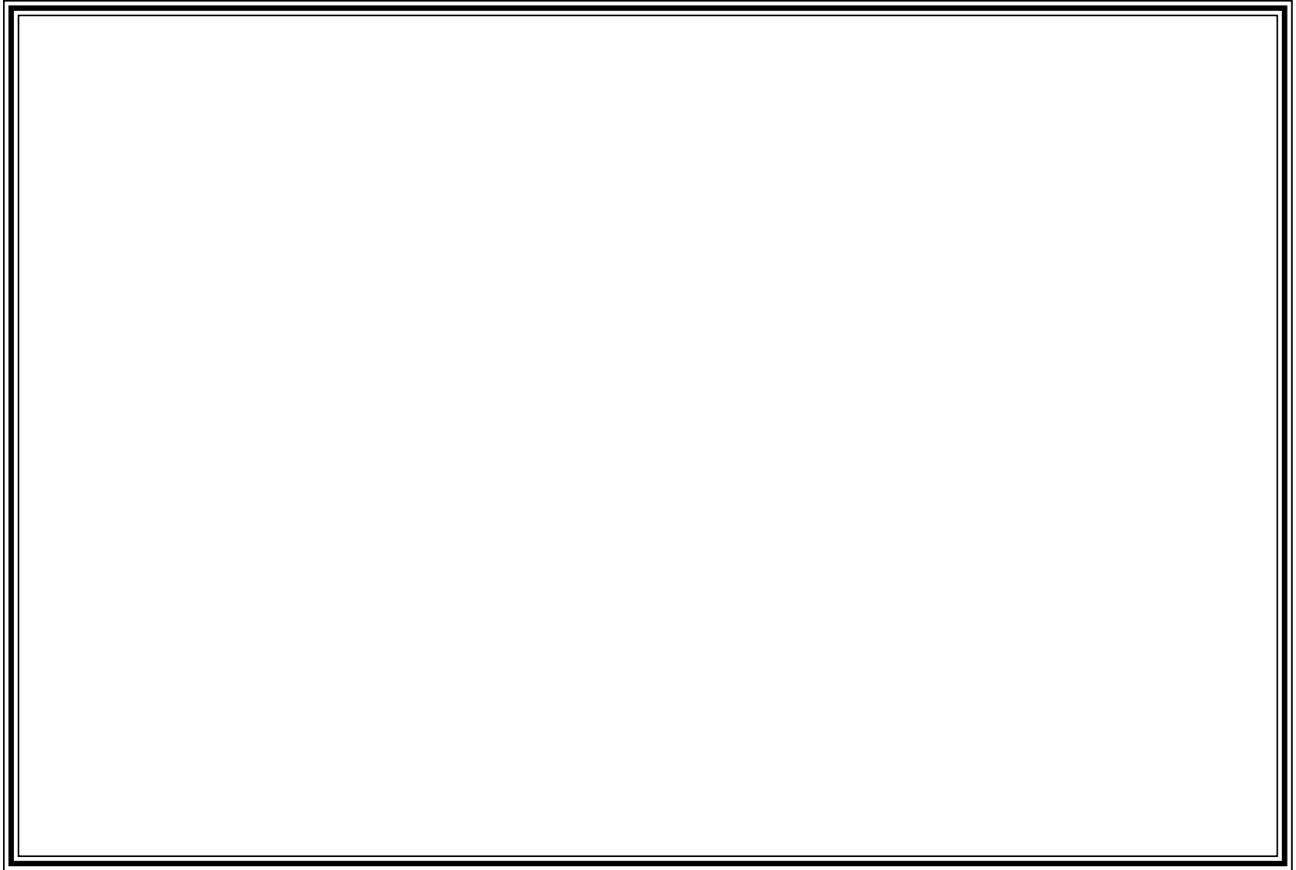
- What kind of a little boy was Ludwig?
- Tell me about his home life.
- Where did he go to study music and who was his teacher?
- Beethoven lived in a time period of history that dreamed of a better world based upon Reason, Nature, Happiness, Progress, and Liberty. How did Beethoven's life and music express these Enlightenment ideals?

- What did Beethoven think of Napoleon? Did his view change?
- How did Beethoven feel about the loss of freedom?
- How did Beethoven challenge the traditional forms of the great masters before him?
- Beethoven's 5th Symphony expresses fate knocking at the door. What is fate? How is fate different from God's providential care?
- Why do you think he believed in fate rather than a loving heavenly Father?
- What served as the inspiration for many of Beethoven's great works?
- What difficulties did Beethoven face in life?
- How did he feel when faced with these trials?
- Describe some of the emotions which characterized Beethoven's life?
- How does his music express his emotions?
- Contrast Beethoven's life passion with that of Bach's. Who did Beethoven desire to glorify? Who did Bach desire to glorify? Can you hear a difference in their music?

Getting To Know Beethoven's Music ...

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