



Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Beethoven's Pastoral – Classics 2011

Using these websites, answer the following questions about Ludwig van Beethoven:

<http://www.all-about-beethoven.com/beethovenlife.html>

http://www.naxos.com/person/Ludwig_van_Beethoven_25976/25976.htm

<http://www.all-about-beethoven.com/symphony.html>

1. Where and when was Beethoven born? _____
2. What was Beethoven's first known composition? When was it written?

3. Beethoven went to Vienna in 1787 to study with which famous composer?

4. Which famous composer did Beethoven go to study with in Vienna in 1792?

5. In what year did Beethoven start becoming deaf? How old was he at this time?

6. Beethoven wrote many instrumental and choral works, but only one opera. What is it called? _____
7. Beethoven wrote many pieces for piano, including many sonatas. How many piano sonatas total did Beethoven compose? _____
8. A symphony is an extended musical composition that is scored for orchestra. How many symphonies did Beethoven write? Which symphony was the first to include singers?

9. Beethoven's 6th symphony was written at almost the same time as his 5th. If Symphony No. 5 represents "the struggle and the joy of victory," what does Symphony No. 6 represent? _____
10. Where and when did Beethoven die? _____

Answers:

1. December 1770, Bonn
2. Variations for Piano on a March Theme by Dressler – 1782
3. Mozart
4. Haydn
5. 1806, 36 years old
6. Fidelio
7. 32
8. 9, 9th
9. Beethoven's love of nature
10. Vienna Austria – March 1827

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