Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria and lived from 1756–1791. He distinguished himself as one of the most important composers of the Classical Period. His father began to teach him when he recognized his young son's extraordinary musical talents. A child prodigy, by the age of 9, Mozart had written several sonatas and even his first symphony. At the age of 12, he made his debut as a conductor. Also as a child, he often performed with his sister, Nannerl, for royalty throughout Europe. They made their joint debut together in Munich, Germany when he was barely 6. At a young age, he taught himself to play the violin and organ. As an adult, he struggled to maintain his career, yet he continued to compose magnificent works for the keyboard, orchestra (including 41 symphonies) and 21 operas, among which are *The Magic Flute* and *Cosi fan tutte*. He married Constance Weber in 1782. Together they had six children.



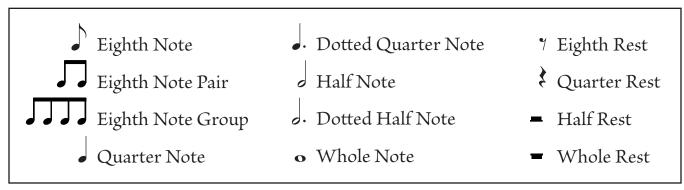
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Make a Note of It!

Below is an excerpt of a well-known piece by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, *Andante in C Major*, filled with many different examples of note and rest values. Study the chart below, then complete the exercise.



- 1. Circle any 2 quarter notes.
- 2. Put a star beside any whole note.
- 3. Draw a box around any quarter rest.
- 4. Draw an arrow pointing to any single eighth note.
- 5. Draw another arrow pointing to any eighth rest.
- 6. Draw a triangle around any single half note.
- 7. Draw a box around any eighth-note grouping.
- 8. Put Mozart's initials next to any dotted quarter note.



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Mozart's Tune #1

Think of twinkling stars up in the sky,
There amid the drifting clouds on high,
Moonlight that shimmers on the dew,
Amid the shadows, too,
That dance for me and you
When sunlight fades away from view.

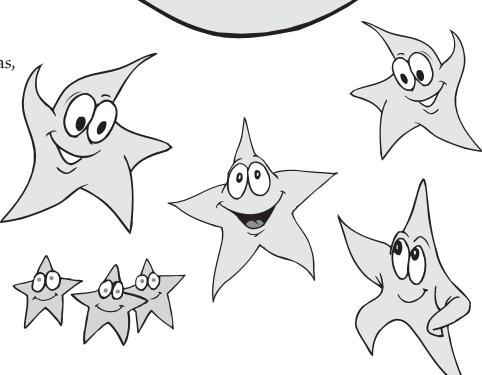
Mozart's Tune #2

It's a bird, it's a plane, No, it's Mozart! How we love all his tunes And his sweet songs.

It's a bird, it's a plane, No, it's Mozart! We could hum every one All the day long.

His symphonies and operas, His chamber music, too, Oh, every little note He sat and wrote For me and you, For you, for me, For you, for you and me!

It's a bird, it's a plane, No, it's Mozart! It's Wolfgang Amadeus, He's the greatest, Mozart!



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DIALOG CUE: (Mozart)

Let's try a different clue.





Mozart's June #1

Janet Vogt

Allegro from Eine kleine Nachtmusik Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

