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Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is 200 years old

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was played in Vienna for the 200th anniversary of its first performance. The premiere of Beethoven's masterpiece took place in Austria's capital city on the 7th of May, 1824. The German composer lived and worked in Vienna for much of his life. He composed his most famous works there. A member of the choir told the BBC how happy she was to sing in the 200-year celebration. She said: "It's the whole world to us to be able to sing this wonderful message of love. You're lifted up...when you're singing."

Many people think the Ninth Symphony is one of the greatest pieces of music ever written. It is one of the most widely-recognized classical works. The symphony's fourth movement is called Ode to Joy. This was revolutionary 200 years ago because it used a choir. A version of Ode to Joy is the anthem of the European Union. It is played by orchestras worldwide. The Ode represents peace and international understanding. A singer in a Viennese choir called Beethoven's Ninth "wonderful". She added that it "moves from the darkness to the light".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c14kv70d1keo>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the 200th anniversary of | a. works there |
| 2. The premiere of Beethoven's | b. celebration |
| 3. lived and worked in Vienna for | c. when you're singing |
| 4. He composed his most famous | d. its first performance |
| 5. sing in the 200-year | e. much of his life |
| 6. It's the whole | f. message of love |
| 7. sing this wonderful | g. world to us |
| 8. You're lifted up | h. masterpiece |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. one of the greatest pieces of | a. 200 years ago |
| 2. one of the most widely-recognized | b. Viennese choir |
| 3. This was revolutionary | c. understanding |
| 4. the anthem of | d. to the light |
| 5. It is played by | e. the European Union |
| 6. international | f. music ever written |
| 7. A singer in a | g. orchestras worldwide |
| 8. it moves from the darkness | h. classical works |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (1) _____ Vienna for the 200th anniversary (2) _____ performance. The premiere of Beethoven's masterpiece took place in Austria's (3) _____ the 7th of May, 1824. The German composer lived and worked in Vienna (4) _____ his life. He composed his most famous works there. A member of the choir told the BBC how happy she (5) _____ in the 200-year celebration. She said: "It's the whole world to us to be able to sing this wonderful message of love. You're (6) _____ you're singing."

Many people think the Ninth Symphony is one of (7) _____ of music ever written. It is one of the most widely-recognized classical works. The symphony's fourth (8) _____ Ode to Joy. This was revolutionary 200 years ago because it (9) _____. A version of Ode to Joy is the anthem of the European Union. It (10) _____ orchestras worldwide. The Ode (11) _____ international understanding. A singer in a Viennese choir called Beethoven's Ninth "wonderful". She added that it "moves from the darkness (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEETHOVEN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Beethoven in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Beethoven** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
