

Beethoven

Have a read of the Knowledge Organiser about a really famous composer called Ludwig Van Beethoven. He was writing music 250 years ago – and we still talk about him. In fact, I'll be surprised if you haven't heard of him.

Here are 5 questions I'd like you to answer for me. Answers are on the Knowledge Organiser.

1. Where was Beethoven born?
2. How many symphonies did he write?
3. Which symphony is nicknamed the Victory Symphony?
4. Which symphony describes the countryside?
5. True or false: Beethoven went blind.

Now have a listen to Symphony Number 6. It is my absolute favourite. A symphony is a piece of music for a big orchestra to play. It is divided into sections called movements like chapters in a story book. Symphony Number 6 has 5 movements. Each movement has a title. I love to listen to Movement 4 and Movement 5. Movement 4 is about a terrible storm which interrupts a party some villagers are having. They have to rush off and hide from the rain. You can hear the thunder in the background. Movement 5 is the calm after the storm. It's so beautiful. You can almost hear the sun popping his head out from behind the clouds and the birds singing again.

Have a listen to movement 4 and 5. Why don't you listen and draw me a picture of what you imagine might be happening.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiCjD5bXXQ> – Movement 4 and 5