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Who composed *The Ninth Symphony*?

Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Germany. His father taught him to play the piano.

At 17, he moved to Vienna. He learned to play the violin. Beethoven would study under the famous musician, Joseph Haydn. Mozart also met Beethoven, and said of him, "Remember his name, this young man will speak to the world."

At 24, he began to go deaf. It was a gradual disease and caused great distress for Beethoven. He composed his most famous symphony, *The Ninth Symphony*, after he was completely deaf.

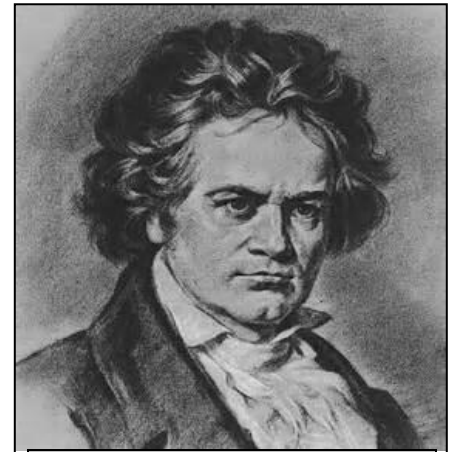
Beethoven wrote a total of nine symphonies. His most famous symphonies are *The Third Symphony*, also called *Heroic* (dedicated to Napoleon), *The Fifth Symphony*, and *The Ninth Symphony*, also called *Ode to Joy*.

Ludwig van Beethoven's funeral was attended by over 20,000 people.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. Where was Ludwig van Beethoven born?

- a. Austria
- b. France
- c. Germany
- d. none of the above



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2. In Vienna, Beethoven studied under the famous musician _____.

- a. Johann Sebastian Bach
- b. Joseph Haydn
- c. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- d. Federico Chopin



3. *The Ninth Symphony* is also called _____.

- a. *Christmas Oratorio*
- b. *Heroic*
- c. *Ode to Joy*
- d. *Choral Symphony*

4. How many symphonies did Beethoven write?

- a. four
- b. seven
- c. nine
- d. five

