

Johann Sebastian Bach

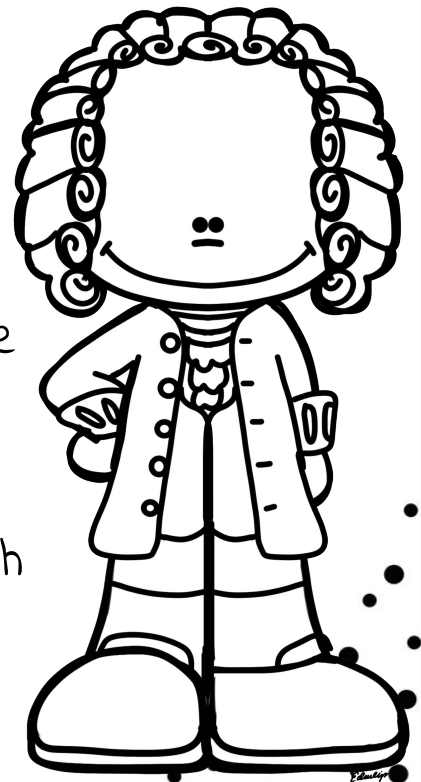
Johann Sebastian Bach was a **composer** born in Leipzig, Germany in 1685. He is known for compositions such as the Brandenburg Concertos and the St. Matthew Passion.

Bach's family were musical too! His dad, Johann Ambrosius Bach, was the director of the town musicians. His eight brothers and sisters taught him the violin and **music theory**. Music theory is a collection of 'rules' for composing music.

When Bach was ten years old, he became an orphan, and moved in with his older brother until he moved to Luneburg to continue learning how to play and compose music.

During Bach's time, churches were some of the most generous **patrons** for the creation and performance of music. This means that churches would provide money so composers could compose and perform new music for the congregation.

Bach composed music for St. Thomas Church until his death in 1750. To this day, Bach is considered one of the most important composers of all time.



Music theory is _____

How old was Bach when he died?

True or false:
J.S. Bach was
the first
musician in his
family.

TRUE / FALSE

A **patron** is _____

An **composer** is _____

Johann
Sebastian
Bach had _____
brothers and
sisters.

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