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| Béla Bartók Exercises | museducation.org/269 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (E) | Béla Bartók | (1) | Hungarian composer and pianist |
| (E) | Chamber Music | (2) | Music school in Hungary |
| (I) | Compositional Style | (3) | Traditional music of a culture |
| (M) | Concertos | (4) | Unique way of creating music |
| (N) | Exile | (5) | „Mikrokosmos“, Bartók’s piano pieces |
| (P) | Microcosm | (6) | Musical composition for solo instrument |
| (Q) | Budapest Conservatory | (7) | Music for small ensemble |
| (T) | Musicologist | (8) | Forced absence from one’s country |
| (U) | Folk Music | (9) | Scholar who studies music |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (A) | He was born ... | (1) | ... was a Hungarian composer. |
| (C) | Béla Bartók ... | (2) | ... in Hungary in 1881. |
| (N) | Bartók died ... | (3) | ... thousands of folk songs. |
| (O) | Mikrokosmos is ... | (4) | ... for its rhythm. |
| (O) | He wrote ... | (5) | ... one of his works. |
| (R) | Bartók collected ... | (6) | ... concertos and chamber music. |
| (T) | His music is known ... | (7) | ... in the United States. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was Béla Bartók born? |
| (R) | in Germany |
| (S) | in Hungary |
| (V) | in the United States |
| 2. | What is „Mikrokosmos“? |
| (A) | a painting |
| (P) | a collection of piano pieces by Bartók |
| (S) | a novel |
| 3. | What did Bartók collect? |
| (N) | coins |
| (O) | folk songs |
| (R) | stamps |
| 4. | Where did Bartók die? |
| (N) | in the United States |
| (R) | in Germany |
| (V) | in Hungary |
| 5. | What is Bartók known for? |
| (A) | his novels |
| (G) | his rhythm and use of folk melodies |
| (S) | his paintings |
| 6. | What did Bartók compose? |
| (E) | concertos and chamber music |
| (R) | novels |
| (V) | paintings |

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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| right | wrong |  |
| (L) | (V) | 1. Béla Bartók was born in Hungary. |
| (F) | (E) | 2. Bartók was born in the United States. |
| (R) | (T) | 3. Bartók never composed chamber music. |
| (T) | (R) | 4. Bartók collected thousands of folk songs. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. Mikrokosmos is a work by Bartók. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. Bartók had no contact with other composers. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What was one of the most important aspects of Bartók’s career?

What is Bartók’s music known for?

What is „Mikrokosmos“?

What did Bartók write besides „Mikrokosmos“?

Who were some of the composers Bartók was in contact with?

Where did Bartók emigrate during World War II?

What is Bartók’s significance in the modern era?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Béla Bartók**

**Match terms**

Béla Bartók = Hungarian composer and pianist

Budapest Conservatory = Music school in Hungary

Folk Music = Traditional music of a culture

Compositional Style = Unique way of creating music

Microcosm = „Mikrokosmos“, Bartók’s piano pieces

Concertos = Musical composition for solo instrument

Chamber Music = Music for small ensemble

Exile = Forced absence from one’s country

Musicologist = Scholar who studies music

Keyword: EQUIPMENT

**Complete sentences**

Béla Bartók | was a Hungarian composer.

He was born | in Hungary in 1881.

Bartók collected | thousands of folk songs.

His music is known | for its rhythm.

Mikrokosmos is | one of his works.

He wrote | concertos and chamber music.

Bartók died | in the United States.

Keyword: CARTOON

**Questions**

Where was Béla Bartók born?

in Hungary

What is „Mikrokosmos“?

a collection of piano pieces by Bartók

What did Bartók collect?

folk songs

Where did Bartók die?

in the United States

What is Bartók known for?

his rhythm and use of folk melodies

What did Bartók compose?

concertos and chamber music

Keyword: SPONGE

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Béla Bartók was born in Hungary.

4. Bartók collected thousands of folk songs.

5. Mikrokosmos is a work by Bartók.

wrong

6. Bartók had no contact with other composers.

2. Bartók was born in the United States.

3. Bartók never composed chamber music.

Keyword: LETTER

**Solution sheet 2**

**Béla Bartók**

**Questions and answers**

What was one of the most important aspects of Bartók’s career?

One of the most important aspects of Bartók’s career was his research on folk music.

What is Bartók’s music known for?

Bartók’s music is known for its rhythm and use of folk melodies.

What is „Mikrokosmos“?

Mikrokosmos is a collection of piano pieces by Bartók.

What did Bartók write besides „Mikrokosmos“?

Bartók also wrote orchestral works and chamber music, including concertos for piano, violin, and orchestra.

Who were some of the composers Bartók was in contact with?

Bartók was in contact with other important composers of his time, including Zoltán Kodály and Igor Stravinsky.

Where did Bartók emigrate during World War II?

During World War II, Bartók emigrated to the United States.

What is Bartók’s significance in the modern era?

Bartók is one of the key figures in 20th century music. His fusion of folk music and modern compositional techniques created a unique and profound musical expression.