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| Giuseppe Verdi Exercises | museducation.org/284 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Rigoletto | (1) | Verdi’s birthplace in Italy |
| (C) | Romantic music | (2) | town where Verdi studied music |
| (E) | Otello | (3) | one of Verdi’s famous operas |
| (G) | Falstaff | (4) | another famous Verdi opera |
| (I) | Senator | (5) | Verdi’s opera, a music masterpiece |
| (R) | La Traviata | (6) | one of Verdi’s late works |
| (S) | Le Roncole | (7) | Verdi’s late work, complex |
| (T) | Busseto | (8) | political title held by Verdi |
| (T) | Aida | (9) | genre Verdi influenced |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | He studied music ... | (1) | ... in Le Roncole, Italy. |
| (A) | Verdi reached his artistic peak ... | (2) | ... in Busseto and Milan. |
| (C) | Verdi was born ... | (3) | ... as an opera composer. |
| (I) | In his later years, ... | (4) | ... expressed Italy’s national aspirations. |
| (N) | Verdi’s influence on opera ... | (5) | ... in the 1850s and 1860s. |
| (P) | Verdi is known ... | (6) | ... Verdi composed „Otello“ and „Falstaff“. |
| (T) | His music often ... | (7) | ... and music is enormous. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was Verdi born? |
| (R) | Rome, Italy |
| (V) | Milan, Italy |
| (W) | Le Roncole, Italy |
| 2. | What is one of Verdi’s famous operas? |
| (A) | Carmen |
| (I) | La Traviata |
| (S) | The Magic Flute |
| 3. | When was Verdi appointed senator? |
| (M) | 1901 |
| (N) | 1874 |
| (R) | 1813 |
| 4. | What is one of Verdi’s late works? |
| (R) | Don Giovanni |
| (T) | Falstaff |
| (V) | La Boheme |
| 5. | Where did Verdi die? |
| (A) | Rome, Italy |
| (E) | Milan, Italy |
| (S) | Le Roncole, Italy |
| 6. | What genre did Verdi influence? |
| (A) | Classical music |
| (R) | Romantic music |
| (V) | Baroque music |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (W) | (V) | 1. Verdi was born in Le Roncole. |
| (F) | (I) | 2. Verdi was born in Milan. |
| (R) | (N) | 3. Verdi composed „The Magic Flute“. |
| (D) | (R) | 4. Verdi composed „La Traviata“. |
| (O) | (T) | 5. Verdi was appointed senator in 1874. |
| (A) | (W) | 6. Verdi was a king. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was Verdi’s birthplace?

Where did Verdi receive his musical education?

What are some of Verdi’s famous works?

What themes are present in Verdi’s operas?

What are some of Verdi’s late works?

What was Verdi’s political role?

What is Verdi’s significance in music history?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Giuseppe Verdi**

**Match terms**

Le Roncole = Verdi’s birthplace in Italy

Busseto = town where Verdi studied music

La Traviata = one of Verdi’s famous operas

Rigoletto = another famous Verdi opera

Aida = Verdi’s opera, a music masterpiece

Otello = one of Verdi’s late works

Falstaff = Verdi’s late work, complex

Senator = political title held by Verdi

Romantic music = genre Verdi influenced

Keyword: STRATEGIC

**Complete sentences**

Verdi was born | in Le Roncole, Italy.

He studied music | in Busseto and Milan.

Verdi is known | as an opera composer.

His music often | expressed Italy’s national aspirations.

Verdi reached his artistic peak | in the 1850s and 1860s.

In his later years, | Verdi composed „Otello“ and „Falstaff“.

Verdi’s influence on opera | and music is enormous.

Keyword: CAPTAIN

**Questions**

Where was Verdi born?

Le Roncole, Italy

What is one of Verdi’s famous operas?

La Traviata

When was Verdi appointed senator?

1874

What is one of Verdi’s late works?

Falstaff

Where did Verdi die?

Milan, Italy

What genre did Verdi influence?

Romantic music

Keyword: WINTER

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Verdi was born in Le Roncole.

4. Verdi composed „La Traviata“.

5. Verdi was appointed senator in 1874.

wrong

6. Verdi was a king.

2. Verdi was born in Milan.

3. Verdi composed „The Magic Flute“.

Keyword: WINDOW

**Solution sheet 2**

**Giuseppe Verdi**

**Questions and answers**

What was Verdi’s birthplace?

Verdi was born in Le Roncole, Italy.

Where did Verdi receive his musical education?

Verdi studied music in Busseto and later in Milan.

What are some of Verdi’s famous works?

Some of Verdi’s famous works include „La Traviata“, „Rigoletto“, and „Aida“.

What themes are present in Verdi’s operas?

Many of Verdi’s operas have political undertones and symbolize the Italian struggle for independence.

What are some of Verdi’s late works?

In his later years, Verdi composed works such as „Otello“ and „Falstaff“.

What was Verdi’s political role?

Verdi was not only an artist, but also politically engaged. He was appointed senator in 1874.

What is Verdi’s significance in music history?

Giuseppe Verdi is one of the central figures of Romantic music and opera history. His works have influenced generations of composers and musicians.