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**Match terms**

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

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| (E) | Harpsichordist | (1) | city in Germany |
| (E) | Cantor | (2) | musician who plays harpsichord |
| (E) | Mozart | (3) | era in music history |
| (H) | Oratorios | (4) | church official leading singing |
| (L) | Classical period | (5) | type of musical composition |
| (N) | Haydn | (6) | large-scale musical work |
| (O) | Baroque | (7) | period in European history |
| (P) | Sonatas | (8) | famous Austrian composer |
| (T) | Weimar | (9) | renowned composer from Austria |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | He was the second ... | (1) | ... in Weimar in 1714. |
| (E) | Bach composed many works ... | (2) | ... child of Johann Sebastian Bach. |
| (H) | Bach was born ... | (3) | ... Bach became a musician. |
| (M) | After studying law, ... | (4) | ... harpsichordist at Frederick II’s court. |
| (R) | Bach died ... | (5) | ... to Hamburg. |
| (S) | Bach worked as a ... | (6) | ... including symphonies and concertos. |
| (T) | In 1768, Bach moved ... | (7) | ... in Hamburg in 1788. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was Bach born? |
| (C) | in Weimar |
| (R) | in Hamburg |
| (V) | in Berlin |
| 2. | What was Bach’s first job? |
| (A) | harpsichordist at Frederick II’s court |
| (B) | cantor in Weimar |
| (S) | music director in Hamburg |
| 3. | Where did Bach move in 1768? |
| (M) | to Vienna |
| (N) | to Hamburg |
| (R) | to Berlin |
| 4. | What is Bach best known for? |
| (A) | his orchestral music |
| (R) | his operas |
| (V) | his keyboard music |
| 5. | Who was influenced by Bach’s music? |
| (A) | Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven |
| (B) | Handel, Vivaldi, and Telemann |
| (S) | Schubert, Brahms, and Wagner |
| 6. | Where did Bach die? |
| (R) | in Weimar |
| (S) | in Hamburg |
| (V) | in Berlin |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (N) | (V) | 1. Bach was born in Weimar. |
| (F) | (E) | 2. Bach was born in Berlin. |
| (R) | (E) | 3. Bach died in Weimar. |
| (D) | (R) | 4. Bach worked in Berlin. |
| (L) | (T) | 5. Bach moved to Hamburg in 1768. |
| (A) | (E) | 6. Bach never worked in Berlin. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was Bach’s early career?

What is Bach’s musical style?

What did Bach do in Hamburg?

What is Bach best known for?

What is Bach’s significance as a music theorist?

Who was influenced by Bach’s music?

What did Bach do in his later years?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach**

**Match terms**

Weimar = city in Germany

Harpsichordist = musician who plays harpsichord

Classical period = era in music history

Cantor = church official leading singing

Sonatas = type of musical composition

Oratorios = large-scale musical work

Baroque = period in European history

Haydn = famous Austrian composer

Mozart = renowned composer from Austria

Keyword: TELEPHONE

**Complete sentences**

Bach was born | in Weimar in 1714.

He was the second | child of Johann Sebastian Bach.

After studying law, | Bach became a musician.

Bach worked as a | harpsichordist at Frederick II’s court.

In 1768, Bach moved | to Hamburg.

Bach composed many works | including symphonies and concertos.

Bach died | in Hamburg in 1788.

Keyword: HAMSTER

**Questions**

Where was Bach born?

in Weimar

What was Bach’s first job?

harpsichordist at Frederick II’s court

Where did Bach move in 1768?

to Hamburg

What is Bach best known for?

his keyboard music

Who was influenced by Bach’s music?

Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven

Where did Bach die?

in Hamburg

Keyword: CANVAS

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Bach was born in Weimar.

4. Bach worked in Berlin.

5. Bach moved to Hamburg in 1768.

wrong

6. Bach never worked in Berlin.

2. Bach was born in Berlin.

3. Bach died in Weimar.

Keyword: NEEDLE

**Solution sheet 2**

**Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach**

**Questions and answers**

What was Bach’s early career?

After studying law, Bach decided to become a musician and found his first important job at the court of Frederick II in Berlin, where he worked as a harpsichordist.

What is Bach’s musical style?

Bach is known for his sensitive style, which anticipated the music of the Classical period. He experimented with forms and modes of expression, significantly influencing the music of his time.

What did Bach do in Hamburg?

In 1768, Bach moved to Hamburg, where he served as music director and cantor. During this time he composed many of his best-known works, including symphonies, concertos, and sacred music.

What is Bach best known for?

Bach is best known for his keyboard music, especially his sonatas for piano and harpsichord. These works had a great influence on the development of piano playing and piano composition.

What is Bach’s significance as a music theorist?

In addition to his work as a composer, Bach was also an influential music theorist. His essay „On the True Way to Play the Clavier“ remains an important work on the interpretation of keyboard music today.

Who was influenced by Bach’s music?

Bach’s music influenced many later composers, including Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. His style is considered a transition between the Baroque and Classical periods and has had a significant impact on music history.

What did Bach do in his later years?

In his later years, Bach focused primarily on sacred music and left a rich legacy of cantatas and oratorios. He died in Hamburg in 1788.