



Notable Pieces: (see website for links)

Opera:

The Magic Flute; “Papageno / Papagena” duet

Symphonies:

Symphony No. 41 in C Major, K 551 “Jupiter”

Keyboard Music:

Rondo in D Major, K 485

Piano Sonata No. 16 in C Major, K 545

Chamber Music:

Clarinet Quintet in A Major, K 581

Some Musical Terms

Opera – a dramatic story in one or more acts that is set to music and sung, with sets and costumes. (Mozart was famous for his many operas, including The Magic Flute, and The Marriage of Figaro.)

Symphony – a musical composition for full orchestra in several movements; Classical symphonies have 4 movements, Fast – Slow – Dance – Fast. (Mozart’s No. 41 The “Jupiter” Symphony, is a great example, and was also his last symphony)

Concerto – a composition for one or more Solo instruments with the orchestra accompaniment. Most concertos have 3 movements, Fast – Slow – Fast

Quintet- a composition for 5 players, often a string quartet plus another instrument (ex. Mozart's Clarinet Quintet in A Major, K 581)

Books to Enjoy with Your Children

Young Children

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers) by Mike Venezia
A fun way to explore music, this series has many cute illustrations that will keep your kids' attention while they learn.

The Music of Life: Bartolomeo Cristofori and the Invention of the Piano by Rusch and Priceman

An award-winning biographer and illustrator team up to tell the story of the invention of the piano, which was during the time of Mozart.

Mozart the Wonder Child by Diane Stanley

Diane Stanley writes wonderful biographies with engaging illustrations.

Middle Grades

Who Was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart? By McDonough and Robbins

A fascinating biography with lots of illustrations, a timeline and historical background.

World History Biographies: Mozart: The Boy Who Changed the World With His Music, National Geographic World History Biographies, by Marcus Weeks

Composers: Classical and Romantic – a card game

This fun card game with 52 cards featuring 13 composers and their short biographies offers a great way to play a game and learn at the same time!

Older Students and Adults

Mozart: A Life, by Paul Johnson

Highly rated book that challenges some of the popular ideas about Mozart and his life.

Drawing on good historical evidence, Paul Johnson makes a convincing case for how Mozart's life may have unfolded and the factors that influenced his wonderful powers of composition.