

Mozart video study questions

- 1) For whom did Mozart write his Scatological Canons?
 - a. his sister
 - b. the Cardinal of Vienna
 - c. his wife
- 2) What did the Scatological Canons contain?
 - a. coded messages from the Knights Templar
 - b. translations into German of Biblical texts
 - c. dirty limericks (i.e., poetry with sexual content or bathroom humor)
- 3) What was Mozart's financial condition at the time of his death?
 - a. almost penniless, and had to share a grave with other paupers
 - b. comfortably secure with a pension from the court of Austria
 - c. quite wealthy due to the royalties he received from his operas
- 4) How did Mozart spend his childhood?
 - a. traveling around Europe performing as a child prodigy for the royalty, nobility, and wealthy
 - b. a tough boarding school in England far from his family
 - c. obsessed with games of chance, such as blackjack and poker
- 5) How old was Mozart when he composed his first symphony?
 - a. Eight
 - b. Twelve
 - c. Seventeen
- 6) What was Mozart's attitude about the expression of emotion in music?
 - a. Powerfully expressed emotions make for powerfully good music
 - b. They should "never be expressed when they reach an unpleasant stage" of intensity
 - c. The truly classical composer expresses "stability and permanence at all times, not the animal passions"
- 7) What was Mozart's favorite musical form?
 - a. Opera
 - b. Symphony
 - c. Concerto
- 8) What was Mozart's favorite instrument?
 - a. the flute
 - b. the pipe organ
 - c. the piano
 - d. none of the above
- 9) Where did Mozart say his music came from?
 - a. his butt
 - b. careful planning and experimentation
 - c. taking dictation from the angels
- 10) What is the mood expressed in Mozart's Piano concerto No. 20:
 - a. Humorous, making fun of other composers
 - b. Majestic, displaying the glory of nature
 - c. stormy and gloomy
- 11) What is the mood expressed in Mozart's Piano concerto No. 21?
 - a. the sun comes through the clouds, there is a God in heaven
 - b. Harsh and angry
 - c. filled with fear of the terrible power that natural forces can wield
- 12) What was Mozart's opinion of himself?
 - a. "If I have seen farther than other men, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants."
 - b. He knew he was better than the other composers, the world just wouldn't appreciate how great he was
 - c. He wished that he could be as good as Beethoven