



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

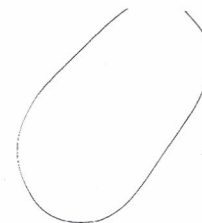
Read the passage. Then, number the events in the order in which they happened.

Some people seem to be born with talent. That was true of the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. When he was three years old, Mozart started to play songs on the piano. When he was five, he started to write his own music. His father was a musician too. He took the young Mozart to the royal courts of kings and queens. Mozart played all over Europe. He could play perfectly, even while wearing a blindfold!

Mozart started to publish his music when he was only seven years old. By the time he was eight, he had taught himself how to play the organ and the violin. He also wrote a symphony, a full-length piece of music, when he was eight. He was only 13 years old when he wrote his first opera. An opera is acted out like a play with singing parts instead of speaking parts.

When he was an adult, he was one of the most famous composers of all time. His works are still played and loved all over the world today.

1. _____ Mozart started playing the piano.
2. _____ Mozart taught himself to play the organ and the violin.
3. _____ Mozart wrote his first opera.
4. _____ Mozart started publishing his music.
5. _____ Mozart started writing his own music.
6. _____ Mozart wrote his first symphony.



Horace Mann

Read the passage. Then, write **F** if a statement is a fact. Write **O** if a statement is an opinion.

Horace Mann was a Massachusetts state senator. In 1835, he voted to create the first state board of education in the United States. He was surprised and honored when he was chosen to lead the board in 1837. He took his new job very seriously. No one had ever done this job before. He went around the state visiting many schools. He even went to Europe to learn how their schools were run. He wanted to know how to make the schools in his state better.

Horace Mann led the Massachusetts Board of Education to build a system of schools for all children. These schools were different in many ways. Their school year lasted six months, not just two or three. Teachers started attending special colleges to learn how to teach. He also started district libraries so that students would have many books to read. Other states saw the nice, new schools in Massachusetts. They wanted good schools for their children too. Soon, many states created school boards of education.

1. A good school system is the most important part of a democracy.
2. Horace Mann was a Massachusetts state senator.
3. Mann voted to create the first state board of education in the United States.
4. Europe still has better schools than the United States.
5. Mann headed the first state board of education in the United States.
6. Under Mann's leadership, the length of the school year doubled.
7. Mann went to Europe to see their schools and to talk with experts about education.

The Human Body

Read the table of contents. Then, write the chapter number and the page number where you would begin looking for the answer to each question.

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1.	How long does it take a bite of pizza to reach your stomach?		
2.	How does your body know when something tastes sour?		
3.	How many bones are in your skeleton?		
4.	What color is your blood?		
5.	How can you make yourself stronger?		
6.	How fast do nerve impulses travel?		
7.	Why do you have a belly button?		
8.	Are there more bones in your hand or your foot?		
9.	About how far can humans see?		
10.	How much of your body is made of water?		

Campfire Walking Salad

Read the recipe. Then, draw the steps for making a walking salad. Explain the steps and label the ingredients in your drawing.

Before you pick up your hot dog at the campfire, make a walking salad. You will not need a fork or plate for this salad. Just wrap the ingredients in a piece of lettuce and you are ready to go!

Ingredients:

- large lettuce leaves
- salted peanuts
- marshmallows
- peanut butter
- raisins
- coconut shavings

Directions: Wash and pat dry several leaves of lettuce. Choose a lettuce leaf and spread peanut butter on it. Then, add spoonfuls of the other toppings. Roll up the lettuce leaf like a tortilla. Eat and enjoy!

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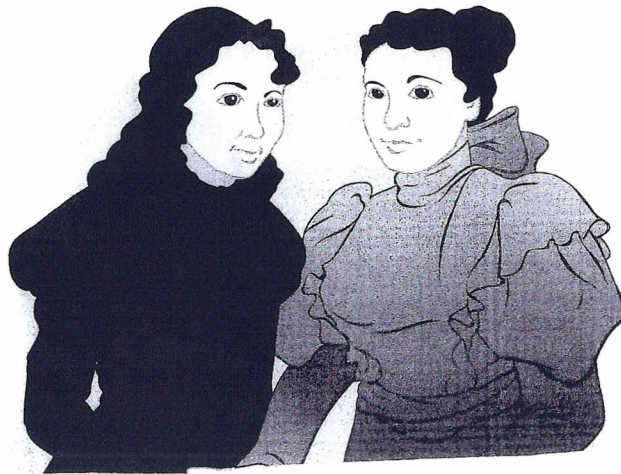
Helen Keller

Read the passage. Then, answer the questions.

Helen Keller was a famous woman. She was born in 1880. When she was 19 months old, she had a serious illness that left her unable to speak, hear, or see. For many years after that, young Keller lived in complete darkness and silence. She acted wildly. No one could get through to her.

Then, Keller met her new teacher, Ann Sullivan. Keller was just seven years old. Sullivan taught her to "hear" and "speak" with her hands. Keller learned quickly. She even learned to use her voice. Keller went on to college and graduated with honors in 1904.

Keller was very smart and hardworking. She wrote books and gave speeches. Keller did not let her disabilities stop her from doing anything she wanted to do. She also taught others how to live with disabilities: She worked to make life fair and safe for people who have different abilities. Helen Keller lived to be 88 years old.



1. An accomplishment is a goal that someone completes. List four of Helen Keller's greatest accomplishments.

2. Choose one of Keller's accomplishments. Explain why you think it was harder for her to do than it would be for a hearing, sighted person.

3. Write four words that describe Helen Keller.

4. Imagine you could not see, hear, or talk. What would be different about your day? Explain one change that you would have to make in the morning, the afternoon, and the evening.

Morning: _____

Afternoon: _____

Evening: _____