

# Beethoven Unit

E2

Days 1-2

Watch Beethoven Lives Upstairs video. Use the book to help guide your classroom discussion.

Day 3

Read about Beethoven's life as a young child from the book Famous Children Beethoven. You may also choose to read Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers Beethoven. (Before and after class, put on some familiar pieces from the Beethoven Lives Upstairs video for students to listen to, making sure that you give them something specific to listen for, such as rhythm, tempo, dynamic changes, etc.)

Days 4-5

Using template, make individual portraits of Mr. Beethoven. Talk about differences between Beethoven and Bach, changes that had taken place in the world, in art, in music, etc. (Word find if finished early.)

Day 6-7

Listen to various Beethoven pieces and describe the music using music analysis form. Suggested pieces are: Moonlight Sonata, Symphony #5, Symphony #9 (Ode to Joy), and Overture to Egmont. (Using a template with the titles already printed in will save time and allows you to listen to more music! See attached template.)

\*\* You can choose to listen to the CD Beethoven Lives Upstairs, but it is exactly identical to the video. In the past I have chosen to listen to the story on CD, and then watch the video months later, reworking the musician into my lessons.