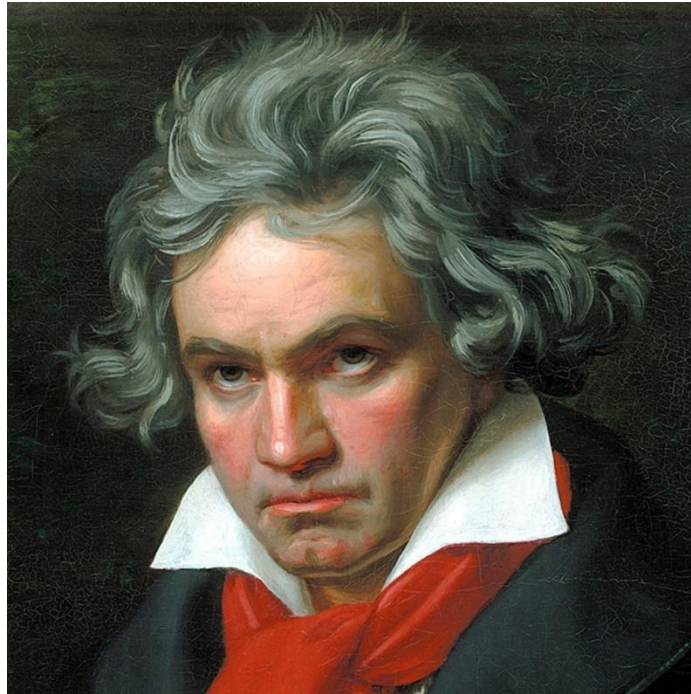


Hey Kids, Meet Beethoven

Ludwig Von Beethoven (1770-1827)
Classical & Romantic Era Composer



Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany in 1770. At an early age he began to take piano lessons. By age 8, **Beethoven** was playing the organ and viola also. He began composing and publishing music in his teenage years. By his twenties, **Beethoven** began to suffer from hearing loss. **Beethoven** did, however, continue to compose, conduct and perform, even after he was completely deaf. One story recalls that after conducting the premiere of his Ninth Symphony he had to be turned around to see the overwhelming applause of the audience. When he heard nothing, **Beethoven** began to weep. He lived to be 57 years old. **Beethoven** is remembered as an important composer in between the Classical Era and Romantic Era in music and continues to be one of the most famous and influential composers of all time.