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2. How old was Mozart when he was born?

- ☐ A six
- ☐ B sixteen
- ☐ C four
- ☐ D ten

3. What is most likely to be true about the children?

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5. Which of the following is true about Mozart?

- ☐ A Mozart died not long before his father noticed the young boy's talent for music.
- ☐ B There has never been another child musician like Mozart.
- ☐ C Music changed a lot when Mozart was born.
- ☐ D Mozart knew he was a very talented musician.

6. Which of the following is true about Mozart?

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- Ⓐ He wanted to make a living through his children's talents.
- Ⓑ He wanted his children to travel and see all of Europe.
- Ⓒ He wanted to expand their musical abilities.
- Ⓓ He wanted the world to see how brilliant they were.

2. How old was Mozart when he played his first musical piece by heart?

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1. What was the main reason Leopold took his children on a European tour?

- ☐ He wanted to make a living for his family.
- ☐ He wanted his children to travel.
- ☐ He wanted to show the world how to identify different musical styles.
- ☐ He wanted to expand their musical horizons.
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