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BUT THE MUSIC SPOKE

... the story of Ludwig van Beethoven ...

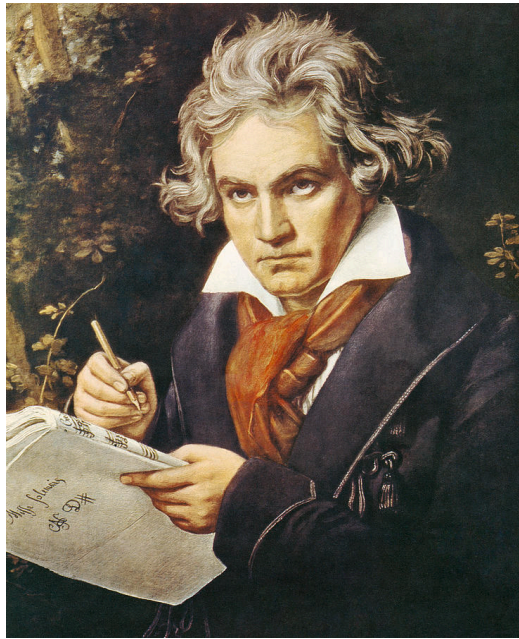
Saturday, 26 September 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Featuring

Music by Ludwig van Beethoven

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Ludwig van Beethoven

German Composer

December 16, 1770 - March 26, 1827



Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany. His father, who was a singer, was his first teacher. After a while, even though he was still only a boy, Ludwig became a traveling performer, and soon he was supporting his family.



In his early twenties Beethoven moved to Vienna, where he spent the rest of his life. Beethoven was one of the first composers to make a living without being employed by the church or a member of the nobility.

At first, he was known as a brilliant pianist, but when he was around 30 years old Beethoven began going deaf. Even though he could no longer hear well enough to play the piano, Beethoven composed some of his best music after he lost his hearing!



Beethoven is considered one of the greatest musical geniuses who ever lived. He may be most famous for his nine symphonies, but he also wrote many other kinds of music: chamber and choral pieces, piano works, string quartets, and an opera.

**Five of Beethoven's compositions were played for you
by Helena Symphony Musicians.**

Can you draw a line from each note/song/story group to the feeling the music expressed?

Moonlight Sonata

Beethoven's
mother was ill



Ninth Symphony
(Ode to Joy)



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of his most famous works
after he lost his hearing.



Fur Elise

Beethoven walked along
the river with his
grandfather.



Pathetique Sonata

Beethoven had
trouble at school



Piano Quartet No. 1
in E flat major

Music spoke to Beethoven
in a way that no one else
could understand.

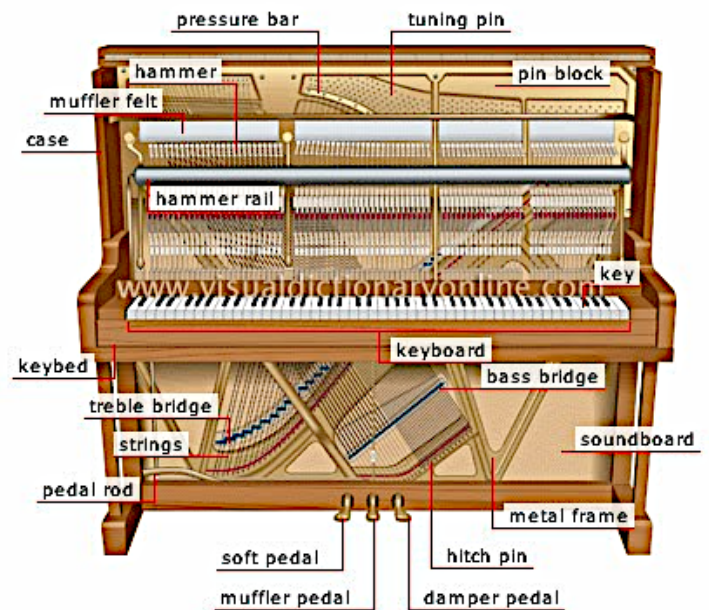


How does the PIANO work?

Although he played the violin, and viola, and the organ, Beethoven was most famous for playing the piano.

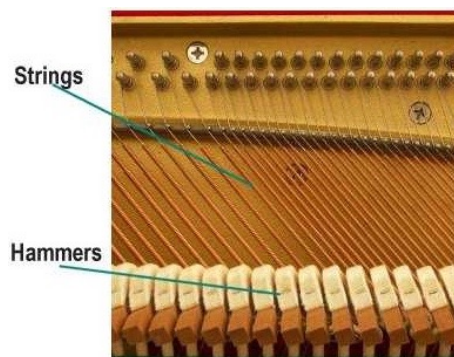
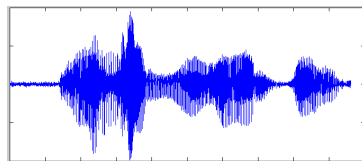


Open the cover and look inside.....



Each key is connected to its own hammer which hits a string, or strings.

The strings vibrate.



The vibration of the string is passed on to the sound board. The sound board gives the piano its unique sound and amplifies the sound (makes it louder).



To which family of instruments does the PIANO belong?

1. The **string family**?

It has STRINGS that
vibrate to make sound.



2. The **percussion family**?

The hammers HIT the
strings to make sound.



3. The **keyboard family**?

The piano is played by
pressing KEYS.



Accordion

Harpsichord



Electric Organ



Synthesizer



Piano



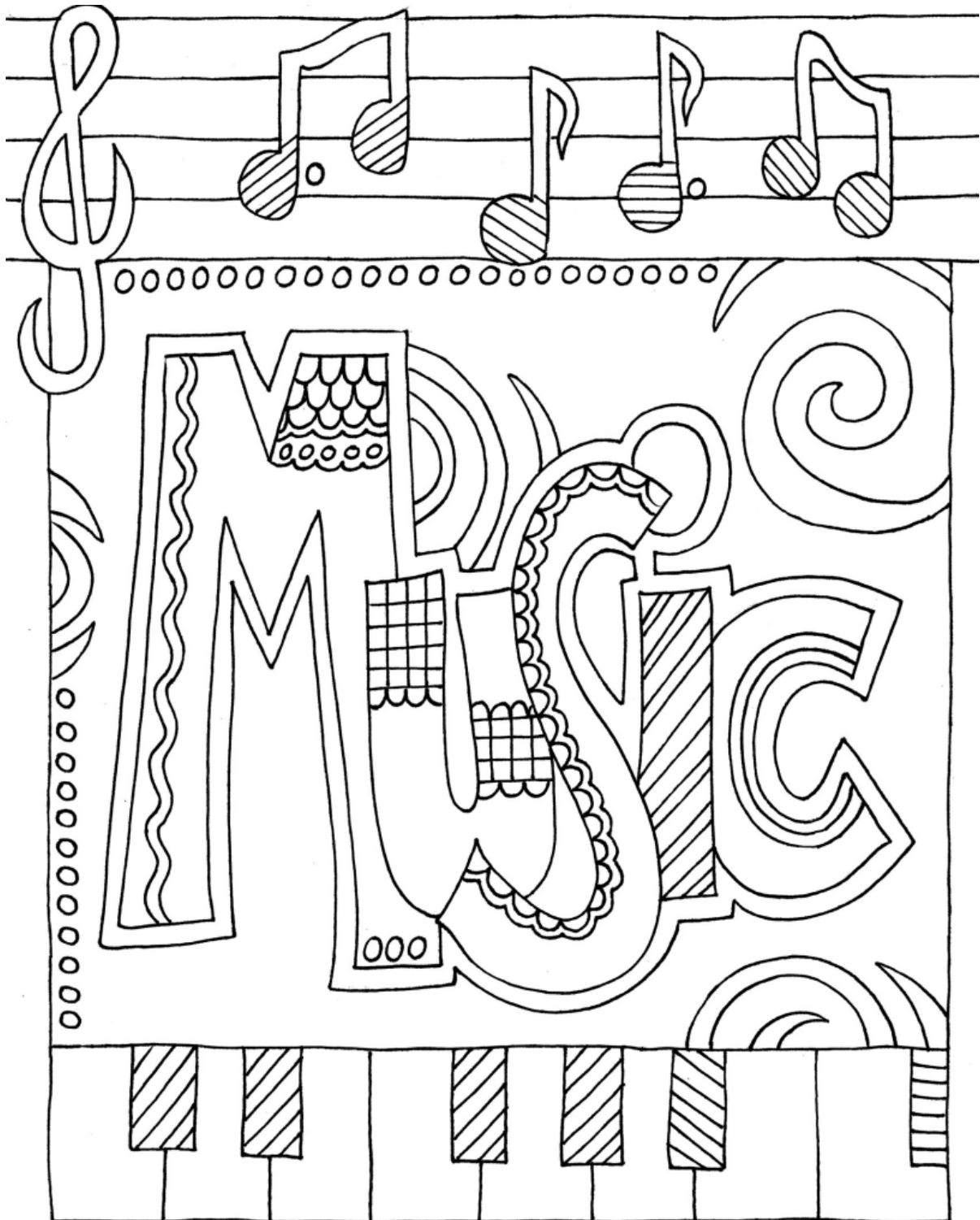
Organ

What do YOU think?_____

Hint: Maestro Scott says the answer is 3...the keyboard family.

**Imagine music is speaking
to you like it did to Beethoven...**

Can you color this page with your imagination?



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Sara Schultz Levesque, *viola*
Linda Kuhn, *cello*

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