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1. In what year was Tchaikovsky born?

1840

2. At an early age what seemed to inspire him to write music?

A visit from a great pianist  
(Machofsky) and the music of  
Mozart.

3. What kind of school was Tchaikovsky sent to in St. Petersburg?

A government school

4. Why did Tchaikovsky give up government service to return to music?

A new music conservatory opened  
and he got fired from his job

5. Who was his first music teacher at the Conservatory of Music?

Anton Rubenstein

6. Why did Tchaikovsky begin writing an opera?

6. He fell in love with an opera singer.

6. Why did Tchaikovsky change from writing opera to ballet?

His fiancée broke up with him

7. What was Tchaikovsky's first ballet called and who conducted the orchestra?

It was called Swan Lake and he  
conducted it

8. What was Tchaikovsky's first musical success?

# Sleeping Beauty

# NATIONALISTIC MUSIC

## Characteristics

Things that make music nationalistic

- National anthems
- Folk songs
- Folk stories/folk heroes
- Geographical places
- Historical events/people
- Folk instruments

# Johannes Brahms



# JOHANNES BRAHMS

- Born in Hamburg, Germany in 1833
- Died in Vienna, Austria in 1897
- Known for his Hungarian Dances (Hungarian Dance #5)

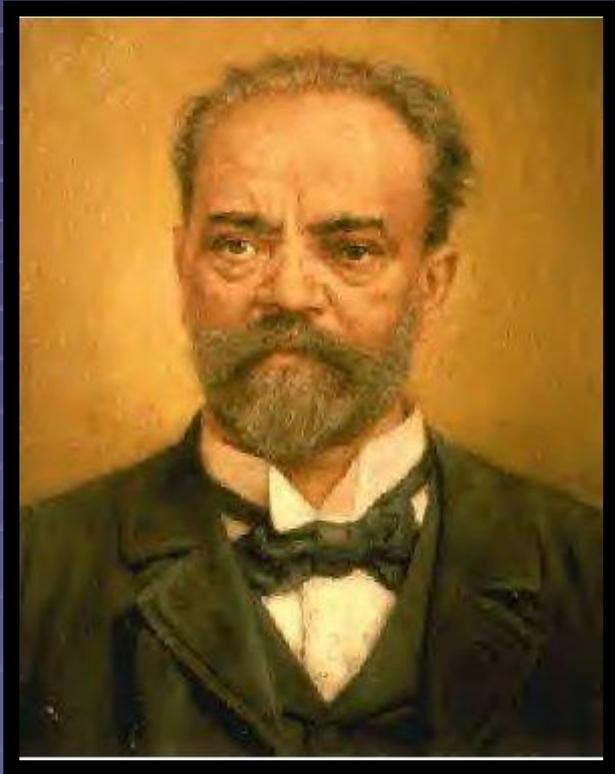
# ■ Modeste Mussorgsky



# MODESTE MUSSORGSKY

- Born in Karevo, Russia in 1839
- Died in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1881
- One of the “Big Five” group of Russian composers
- Wrote A Night on Bald Mountain

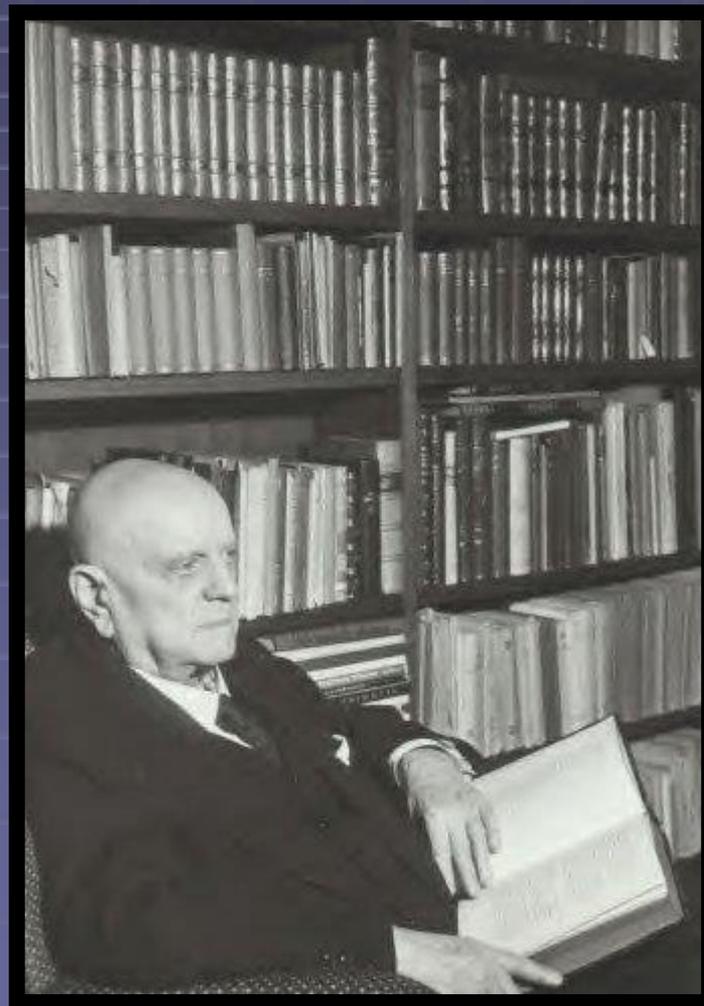
# ■ Antonin Dvorak



# ANTONIN DVORAK

- Born in Nelahozeves, Bohemia in 1841
- Died in Prague, Bohemia in 1904
- Wrote The New World Symphony (Symphony #5 or #9) which is nationalistic music about the United States
- Wrote Slavonic Dances about his home country

# ■ Jean Sibelius



# JEAN SIBELIUS

- Born in Tavastehus, Finland in 1865
- Died in Jarvenpaa, Finland in 1957
- Known as the greatest composer of Finland
- Wrote Finlandia to reflect his patriotic zeal and deep love of his homeland
- Finlandia contains the melody we now know as “Be Still, My Soul”

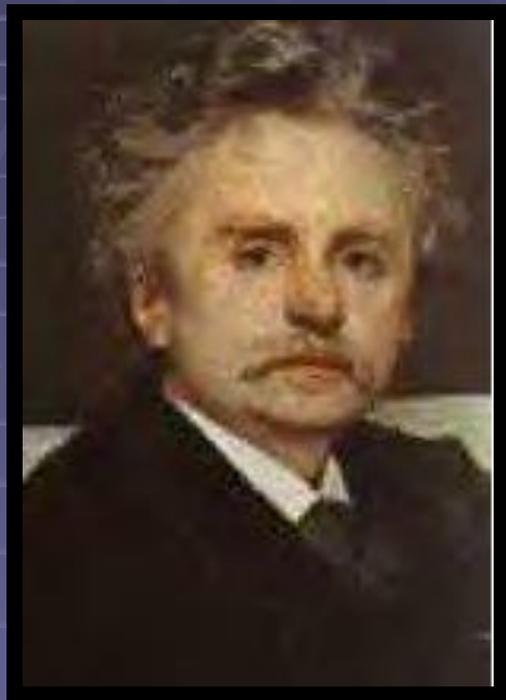
# Bedřich Smetana



# BEDRICH SMETANA

- Born in Litomyšl, Bohemia in 1824
- Died in Prague, Bohemia in 1884
- Wrote *Ma Vlast* which is a set of 6 symphonic poems about Bohemia.
- *Vltava* (The Moldau) is about a river that flows through Bohemia.

# ■ Edvard Grieg



# Edvard Grieg

- Born in Bergen, Norway in 1843
- Died in Bergen, Norway in 1907
- Known as the Voice of Norway
- Wrote Peer Gynt