

MUSICAL EVENTS

- Beethoven born in Bonn **1770**
- Gluck, *Orphée et Euridice* (NAWM 104) in Paris **1774**
- Mozart, *Don Giovanni* (NAWM 117) in Prague **1787**
- Death of Mozart **1791**
Beethoven moves to Vienna **1792**
- Beethoven, *Sonate pathétique* (NAWM 118) **1797–1798**
Haydn, *The Creation* (NAWM 113) **1798**
- Beethoven, Heiligenstadt Testament **1802**
Beethoven, *Eroica* Symphony (NAWM 119) **1803**
- Beethoven, *Fidelio* performed unsuccessfully **1805**
- Premiere of Beethoven's Fifth and Sixth Symphonies **1808**
Death of Haydn; Beethoven given lifetime annuity **1809**
- Beethoven, letter to the Immortal Beloved **1812**
- Beethoven's *Fidelio* performed successfully **1814**
Invention of the metronome **1815**
- Beethoven, Ninth Symphony **1823**
Beethoven, late string quartets (NAWM 120) **1824–1826**
- Death of Beethoven **1827**

HISTORICAL EVENTS

- 1776** American Declaration of Independence
- 1781** Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*
- 1789–1794** French Revolution
- 1793** Eli Whitney invents cotton gin; Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette beheaded after French Republic begins
- 1799** Napoleon becomes First Consul of French Republic
- 1804** Napoleon crowns himself emperor
1805–1818 Napoleon's forces occupy Vienna
1806 Holy Roman Empire dissolved; Francis continues as emperor of Austria
1808 Goethe, *Faust*, Part I
- 1813** Wellington defeats Napoleon at Waterloo; Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*
1814–1815 Congress of Vienna