Franz Joseph Haydn was the most famous composer of his time. He helped develop new musical forms, like the string quartet and the symphony.

Haydn was born in the tiny Austrian town of Rohrau. When he was 8, Franz attended St. Stephen’s Cathedral for choir school. His younger brother Michael joined him a short time later. Joseph could never resist playing a joke, which got him in trouble at school. Since Michael Haydn was much better behaved than his brother, everyone thought he would be the more successful musician. Wrong!

At first, Haydn struggled to earn a living as a composer. Then, he got a job with a rich powerful family named Esterhazy. It was Haydn’s job to write music for the Esterhazy princes, and to conduct their orchestra. Haydn composed symphonies, operas, string quartets, and all kinds of other music for performance at the Esterhazy court.

Activity: connect the dots below to make the shape of the country Haydn is from!

Austria

Quiz Question:
What did Franz Joseph Haydn get in trouble for at school? ________________________________
Franz Joseph Haydn wrote a lot of music. He even wrote for royal orchestras!

**Activity:** Draw and color your own royal crown in the box above!

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**Jokes and Riddle**

1. What kind of music do bunnies like?
   - Hip Hop!

2. Which musical instrument cannot open a door despite having many keys?
   - The piano, 3. He was Haydn. 4. She broke the record.