

# Discovery of an Unpublished Mozart Manuscript (June 22, 2026)

## TEACHING GUIDE

**What?** An unpublished manuscript by Mozart containing seven pieces of music, discovered at the Bibliothèque nationale de France in Paris. 🎵

**Who?** From the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), a genius of classical music.

**Where?** At the National Library of France, in Paris, where the manuscript had lain dormant for nearly 250 years among anonymous documents.

**When?** The manuscript was spotted on February 2, 2026 and the seven pieces were performed in public for the first time on June 21, the Fête de la Musique.

**Why is it important?** Because it is extremely rare to discover new works by a composer who died more than 230 years ago.

**For this activity, your objective will be to know a little more about Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and this rediscovered manuscript!** 🎵



### OBJECTIVES

- Discover the life and work of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- Search for information in an online encyclopedia
- Listen to and recognize famous musical pieces
- Understand a video report and extract key information
- Explore a city using Google Earth



### SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Culture**
  - Important Historical Figure
  - Geography of Europe (Austria)
  - Cultural and Artistic Heritage
- **English**
  - Reading and Comprehension
  - Short Answers
  - Comprehension of an Audiovisual Document
- **Arts / Music**
  - Listening to Music
  - Recognition of Classical Works
  - The Connection Between a Composer and Their Era



### COMPETENCIES

- Research and interpret information (video, text, image)
- Identify factual information from various sources
- Analyze situations
- Organize ideas
- Produce short and precise answers



### DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes



### GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they know Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.
- Ask them if they know any classical musical instruments (piano, violin, flute, harp).
- Play a few seconds of Eine kleine Nachtmusik and ask if they recognize the melody.
- Ask the question: How could a document remain hidden for 250 years in a library?

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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**STEP 1 — Who is Mozart?** Discovery of Mozart's life using Wikipedia. Completion of an identity card, then listening of three famous pieces and answer to an open-ended question.

**Date of birth — January 27, 1756**

**City of birth — Salzburg**

**Date of death — December 5, 1791**

**City of death — Vienna**

**Spouse — Constanze Weber**

**Q1 — Open-ended and personal answer.**

**STEP 2 — A Surprising Discovery.** Watching of a France 24 report on the discovery of the manuscript, then answers to four multiple-choice questions.

**Q2 — At the National Library in Paris.**

**Q3 — The shape of the treble clef, the handwriting, and the way pieces end.**

**Q4 — That she was lazy and not very talented.**

**Q5 — Approximately 20 minutes.**

**STEP 3 — Salzburg, the City of Mozart.** Exploration of Salzburg using Google Earth. Identification of the birthplace and the family home, then answers to two observation questions.

**Q6 — It's number 9.**

**Q7 — There are 26 of them.**



### WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group discussion about what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them most (the discovery, the city of Salzburg, the musical pieces).
- Ask: Why is it important to preserve old documents in libraries?
- Make a connection between music, history, and geography.



### FURTHER EXPLORATION

Yann Walcker. *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*.  
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