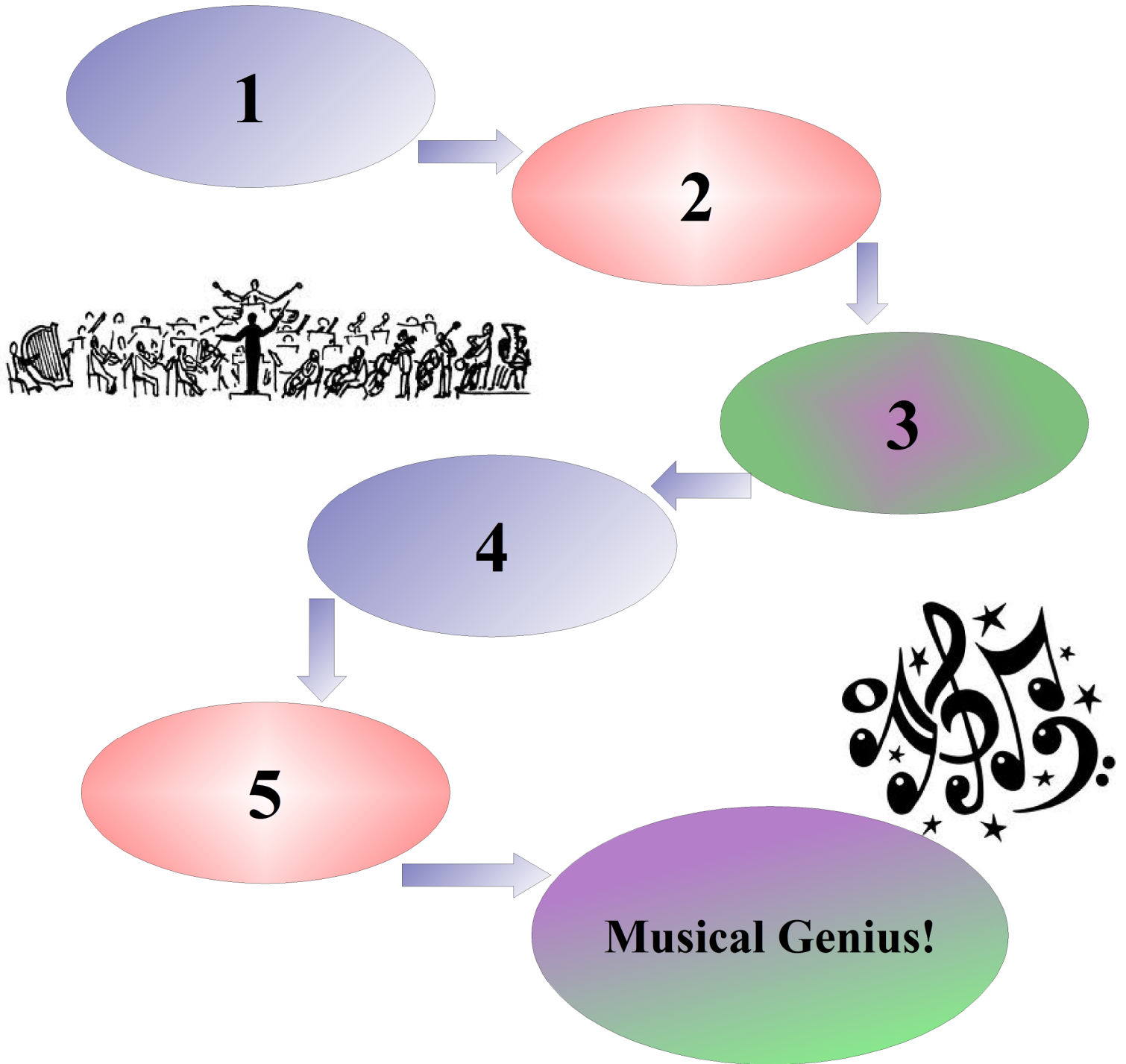


## Trivia



In What country was Johann Sebastian Bach born?

- a) Spain
- b) Italy
- c) Germany

**Answer: c) Germany**

Bach was born 1685 in Eisenach, which is in Thüringen, Germany.

How many children did Bach have?

- a) 2
- b) 20
- c) 8

**Answer: b) 20 children!**

What style of classical music did Bach compose?

- a) Renaissance
- b) Baroque
- c) Romantic

**Answer: b) Baroque**

Bach died well before the Romantic or Contemporary periods! The Baroque period lasted approximately from 1600 to 1750. The name comes from the Portuguese "barroco" which means "mis-shapen pearl".

How many Cantatas did Bach compose?

- a) More than 200
- b) Approximately 30
- c) Just under 100

**Answer: a) More than 200!**

For a period of several years, Bach produced nearly one cantata every week.

How many wives did Bach have?

- a) 8
- b) 2
- c) 4

**Answer: b) 2**

Maria Barbara, with whom he had 7 kids before her death.

Anna Magdalena Wilke, with whom he had 13 children.

In what year did Bach die?

- a) 1803
- b) 1765
- c) 1750

**Answer: c) 1750**

What was the cause of Bach's death?

- a) Polio
- b) Complications from surgery
- c) Pneumonia

**Answer: b) Complications from surgery**  
J. S. Bach became increasingly blind in his later years and tried to correct his vision with surgery. This unsuccessful operation proved fatal.

What was Bach's final musical work?

- a) The Art of Fugue
- b) Complications from surgery
- c) Pneumonia

**Answer: a) The Art of Fugue**  
Written in the 1740s, several years before Bach's death, the first known surviving manuscript actually bears the title "Die Kunst der Fuga", which was added by Bach's son-in-law.

What is the meaning of the name "Bach"?

- a) Fire
- b) Beautiful
- c) Stream

**Answer: c) Stream**

True or False: Bach's family was built up of musicians?

- a) True
- b) False

**Answer: a) True**