

A brief history of the piano

Fill in the blanks after watching the video:

The piano arrived on the scene in the early _____ century

The first predecessor of the piano was the _____, where little quills pluck the strings as they pass by.

The next development was the Viennese fortepiano, which had little _____ that struck the strings.

One of the great turning points for the piano came when one influential composer was losing his hearing. _____ was totally deaf, and the modern pianos being developed by John Broadwood & Sons enabled him to write some of the most popular and influential piano music ever written.

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2 A concert _____ is capable of competing with an entire symphony orchestra

3 The harpsichord is basically a laid down flat _____

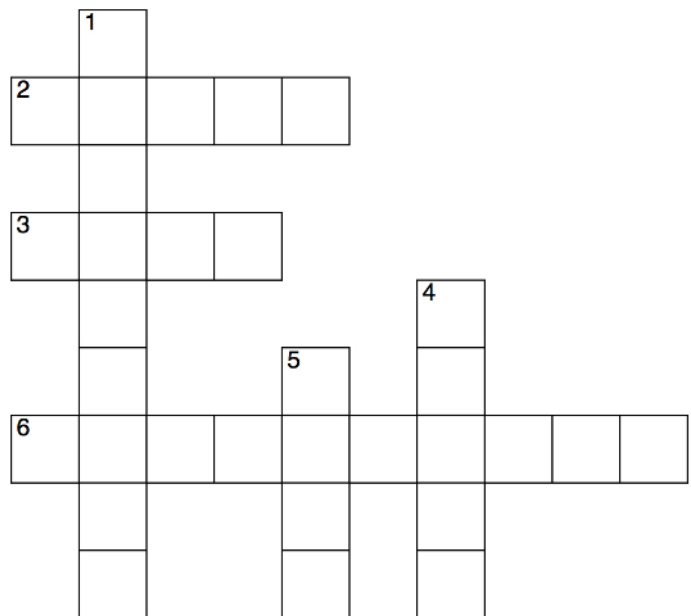
6 A Viennese _____ was an early version of our modern piano

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1 John _____ was the instrument maker who innovated in the 18th century

4 The correct term for the thing that plucks the strings in a harpsichord

5 A modern piano can take up to a _____ to build



Code breaker

Crack the code to work out the name of one of Beethoven's famous piano pieces:

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