## The Works of Frédéric Chopin

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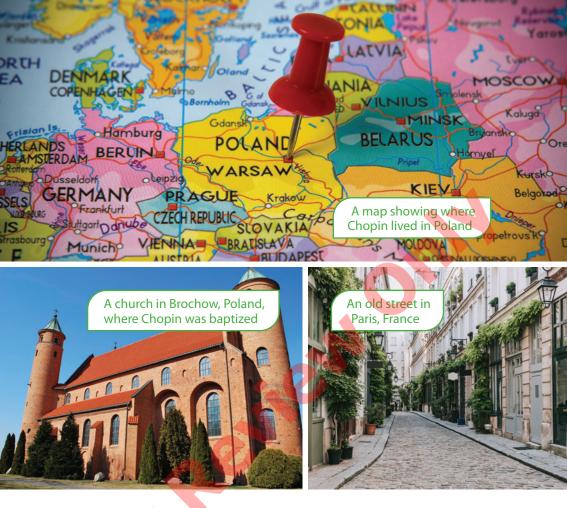
## Who was Frédéric Chopin?

Fryderyk Chopin (known as Frédéric Chopin) was a Polish composer and virtuoso pianist born in 1810

in Żelazowa Wola, a village near Warsaw. He is known as one of the greatest piano composers ever.

A drawing of young Chopin





Famous already as a child, Chopin grew up in Warsaw, where he finished his music studies. He wrote many of his works before leaving Poland for France in 1830 at age twenty.





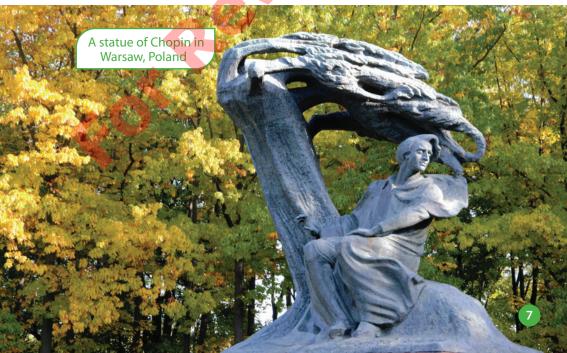
Chopin lived in Paris, France, for the rest of his short life. In Paris, Chopin met many other artists and musicians, and found many chances to show off his talent. Chopin became friends with composer Franz Liszt and was greatly respected by many musicians for his virtuoso ability.



During this time, Chopin performed only about thirty times, usually in small salons. He liked playing at his own Paris apartment for groups of friends. He always felt most comfortable playing to a small, live audience.







In France, Chopin used the French form of his given name, Frédéric. However, Chopin never felt completely comfortable speaking French. He never even felt like he was French, even though his father was from France. He always saw himself as Polish.







Since Chopin wrote many piano pieces, he was called the "master of the piano." Most of Chopin's over 200

works are for solo piano.

He added new ideas to
almost all forms of piano
music. His piano works are
often very difficult to play.







Every single one of Chopin's works includes the piano. When listening to his music, the close relationship between the music and the piano is very clear. It almost seems that the music could not be played on any other instrument.

Sadly, for most of his life, Chopin did not have good health. He died in Paris in 1849, at the young age of thirty-nine, from a serious lung disease.



Chopin suffered from a disease in his lungs.