



Paganini's Daemon: A Most Enduring Legend Questionnaire

Ages: 15 - 18

Projected time: 75-85 min

Supplies needed: Pencil and writing paper. Computer with internet access.

Project Intro: Students will watch a video from the website *Youtube* and they will answer basic questions about the documentary on the life of violin virtuoso and composer Niccolò Paganini titled *Paganini's Daemon: A Most Enduring Legend*,

PART 1: Questions

Visit this website: [Paganini's Daemon: A Most Enduring Legend](#)

Play and pause the video when necessary.

Questionnaire:

1. When Niccolò Paganini was invited to perform for the mass in Lucca in 1801, how long did he play for?

1A. He played for 28 minutes.

2. At what age did Paganini begin to write his 24 caprices to earn a place in history?

2A. At the age of 19. The caprices: [\(1820\) Paganini: 24 Caprices by Antal Zalai](#)

3. Karl Friedrich Zelter describes Paganini's sounds as tricks and says that it is similar to the tricks that Moses performed for who?

3A. The Egyptians.

4. Paganini set out to dazzle the world with his violin, but which other instrument did he play?

4A. Guitar

5. In which Italian city was Paganini born?

5A. Genoa, Italy.

6. What is the first name of the lawyer that became his most loyal friend?

6A. Luigi

7. Where was Paganini sent to for eight days which also happened to spark a rumor that he learned to play after being sent here for murder?

7A. Jail

8. After a few accidents, what did he then deliberately break on his violin during performances?

8A. Violin strings.

9. Which young pianist was profoundly impressed by Paganini's performance during a concert in the opera house in Paris?

9A. Franz Liszt

10. In which year did Paganini return to Genoa, Italy, after his long tour across Europe?

10A. In 1834.

11. How many francs did Paganini give to Hector Berlioz after a concert he attended?

11A. 20,000 francs.

12. At what age did Paganini die?

12A. At the age of 57.