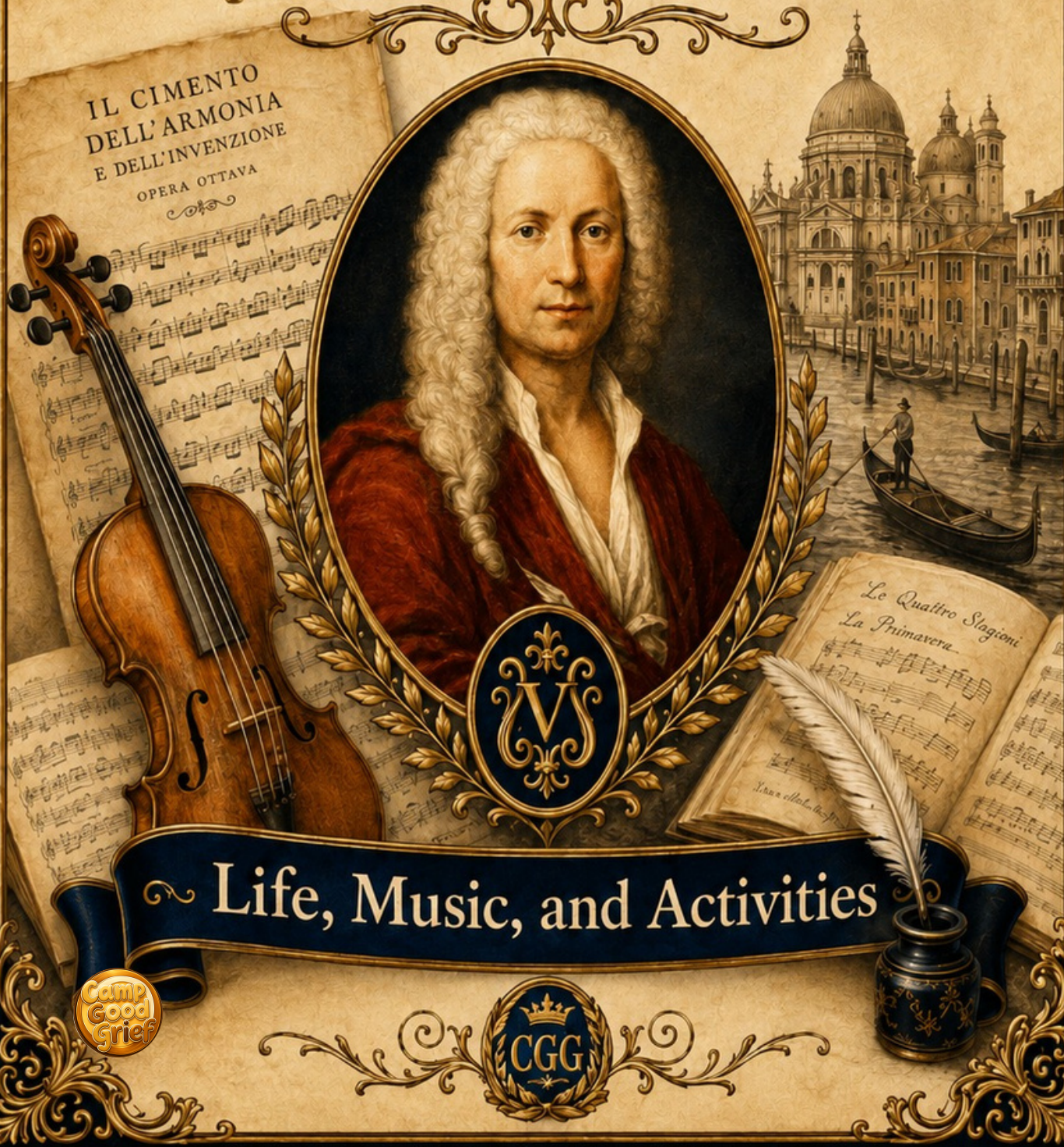


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Vivaldi: Life, Music, and Activities



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Life and Accomplishments Summary

Read the biography below, then complete the activities.

Antonio Vivaldi was born on March 4, 1678, in Venice, Italy. He became one of the most important composers of the Baroque period.

Vivaldi was nicknamed 'The Red Priest' because of his red hair. He was ordained a priest in 1703, although health problems kept him from regularly celebrating Mass.

He was a gifted violinist and worked at the Ospedale della Pietà in Venice. There he taught music and wrote works for a talented group of orphaned and abandoned girls.

Vivaldi composed more than 500 concertos, along with operas, sacred music, and chamber works. His music is known for lively rhythms, brilliant violin writing, and vivid contrasts.

His best-known work is *The Four Seasons*, a set of four violin concertos called Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter. These pieces use music to paint pictures of nature and everyday life.

Vivaldi also worked in other cities such as Mantua and later traveled to Vienna. His fame declined near the end of his life, and he died in Vienna in 1741.

In the twentieth century, musicians rediscovered his music. Today Vivaldi is remembered for helping shape the concerto and for creating energetic music that is still performed around the world.



Comprehension Questions

Use the summary page to answer each question in complete sentences.

1. Where and when was Antonio Vivaldi born? _____

2. Why was Vivaldi called "The Red Priest"? _____

3. In what year was Vivaldi ordained a priest? _____

4. At which Venetian institution did he teach music? _____

5. What kind of students studied at the Ospedale della Pietà? _____

6. About how many concertos did Vivaldi compose? _____

7. What is Vivaldi's most famous group of violin concertos? _____

8. Name the four seasons represented in that work. _____

9. Which instrument was especially important in Vivaldi's music? _____

10. Name one city other than Venice where Vivaldi worked or traveled. _____

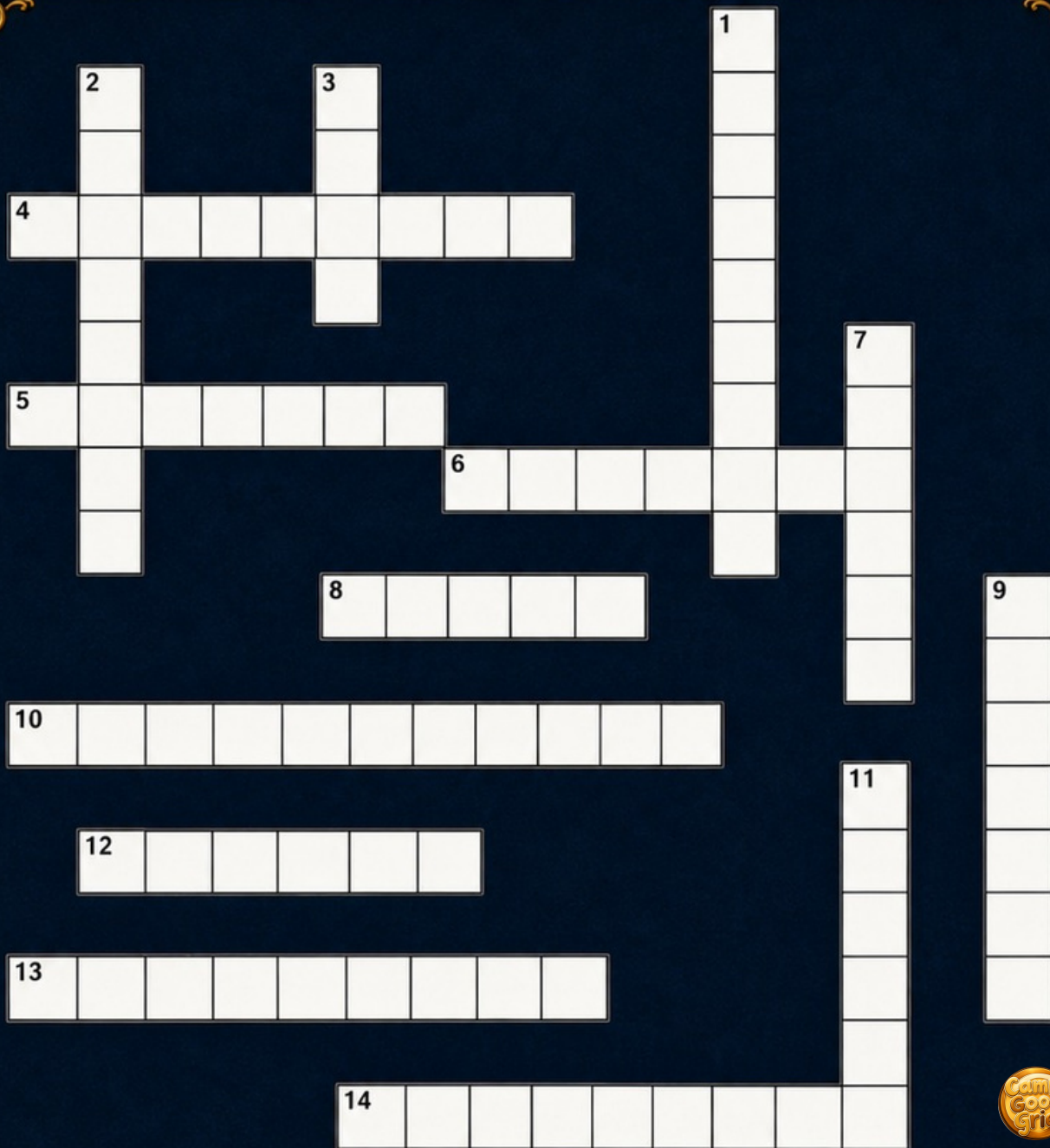
11. In which city did Vivaldi die? _____

12. Why is Vivaldi still remembered today? _____



Crossword Puzzle: Grid

— Use the facts from this workbook to complete the crossword. —





Comprehension Answer Key

Use the summary page to review the correct responses.

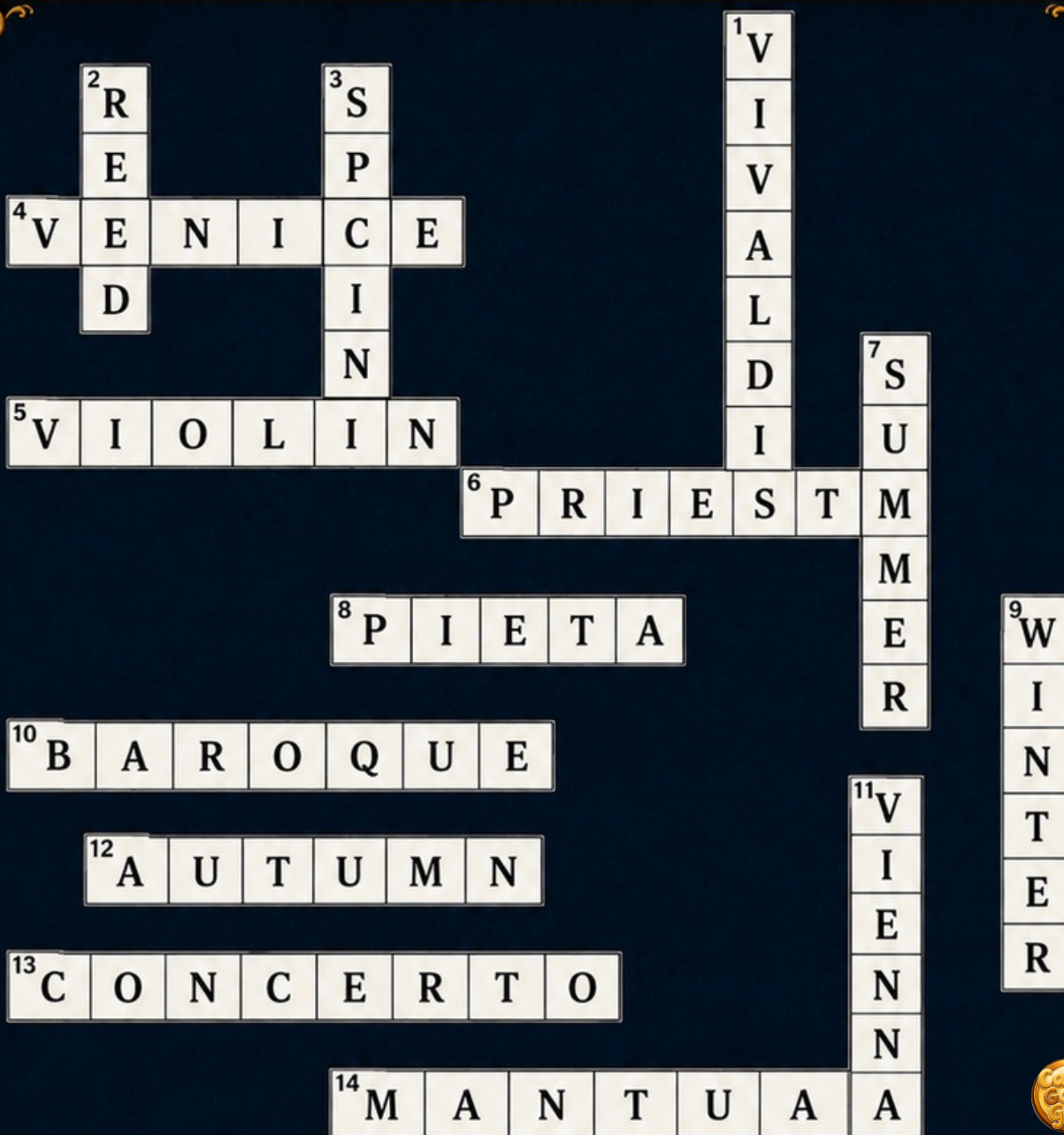
1. Antonio Vivaldi was born in Venice, Italy, on March 4, 1678.
2. He was called "The Red Priest" because of his red hair and because he was a priest.
3. Vivaldi was ordained a priest in 1703.
4. He taught music at the Ospedale della Pietà in Venice.
5. The students were orphaned or abandoned girls.
6. He composed more than 500 concertos.
7. His most famous work is *The Four Seasons*.
8. The four concertos are *Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter*.
9. The violin was especially important in his music.
10. One city other than Venice where he worked or traveled was Mantua or Vienna.
11. Vivaldi died in Vienna in 1741.
12. He is remembered for shaping the concerto and writing energetic Baroque music still played today.





Crossword Solution Grid

— Use the facts from this workbook to complete the crossword. —





Crossword Answer Key

Across

- 4. VENICE
- 5. VIOLIN
- 6. PRIEST
- 8. PIETA
- 10. BAROQUE
- 12. AUTUMN
- 13. CONCERTO

Down

- 1. VIVALDI
- 2. RED
- 3. SPRING
- 7. SUMMER
- 9. WINTER
- 11. VIENNA
- 14. MANTUA