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## Supporting Sentences

Directions: use a colored pencil, crayon or highlighter to highlight the supporting sentences in each paragraph.

Hint: all of the sentences after the topic sentence are supporting sentences in these paragraphs. Since there are multiple paragraphs, each paragraph doesn't have its own conclusion.

Ludwig van Beethoven was born in the lovely town of Bonn, on the River Rhine, December 16, 1770. The house in which he spent his boyhood is still standing. What a pretty, homelike place the house and the yard must have been. It is now the Beethoven House, or Museum, filled with mementos of the great composer. There you may see music pages written by him, letters, medals, instruments; even his ear trumpet is there.

Ludwig was only four years old when he began to study music. Like children of to-day he shed many a tear over the first lessons. In the beginning his father taught him piano and violin, and forced him to practice. At school he learned, just as we do to-day, reading, writing, arithmetic, and later on, Latin.

While Ludwig was in school he played at a concert for the first time. He was then eight years old. Two years later he had composed quite a number of pieces. One of these was printed. It was called *Variations on Dressler's March*. Then the little boy studied with a teacher named Christian Gottlob Neefe, who took real interest in him. Neefe did not, as was said of Beethoven's father, punish the little boy severely to keep him at his practice, hour after hour.