# Mozart's Dice Game Music by Chance

During the Classical period in music, many composers created musical dice games in which compositions were created by chance via the throw of the dice. The most successful of these compositional games was created by Mozart. In the abreviated version presented here, students can create a short waltz with the throw of the dice or by picking random numbers.

## Directions for playing Mozart's Dice Game

- 1. Print out this document.
- 2. Cut each page into six individual cards, following the guide-lines.
- 3. Each card has a letter (A-H) and a number (2-12) in the upper left corner. Arranged the cards into stacks by letter.
- 4. Roll a pair of dice. From the "A" pile, select the card which matches the number rolled.
- 5. Continue to roll the dice, selecting one card from each lettered stack.
- 6. Arrange the selected cards in alphabetical order.
- 7. Play your new composition.

#### Variation I

Instead of using dice, simply select one random card from each stack.

#### Variation II

Select any number of random cards, arrange them in any order you like, even up-side down!

### Variation III

Using this document as a template, create your own dice game.

Have fun!





























