

Wagner and Die Walküre

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Son of a Gambolier

Like many composers, Wagner claimed he was “*self-taught*”. Provide some evidence proving this claim to be false.

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What did Wagner do after dropping out of Leipzig University? Who did he marry?

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Why did the young couple have to flee to France?

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What happened during Wagner’s time in Dresden Germany and what were the circumstances around his departure to Switzerland?

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Isolation

Describe Wagner's psychological state while hiding in Switzerland. What are some of the philosophies he developed? What is *Gesamtkunstwerk*?

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What is *The Ring Cycle*?

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How does *Die Walküre* fit into the entire cycle?

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Twist of Fate

Why did Wagner fall into depression while writing the Ring Cycle?

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Who was *King Ludwig II* and what did do for Wagner?

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What was financial situation of the *Bayreuth Theatre* when Wagner died?

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Style

Describe some major contributions Wager made to the operatic genre, and orchestration techniques.

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Leitmotifs

Identify these leitmotifs and answer the following questions.



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Describe its significance to the opera *Die Walkure*?



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