



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

## On This Date

**1824** – Beethoven’s glorious last symphony, *Symphony No. 9*, premiered in Vienna. The composer was completely deaf at the time of the premiere.

**1915** – A German submarine torpedoed the British ocean liner *Lusitania* off the Irish coast. The *Lusitania* had the misfortune of being sunk early in WWI, before tactics for evading submarines were properly implemented. The ship sank in just 18 minutes, and the loss of 1,198 lives was a major factor in the U.S.’s decision to join the war in 1917.



## Did You Know?

The letter sequence *ough* can be pronounced nine different ways. The following sentence contains them all: “A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed.”

## Quote of the Day

“The idea comes from outside of me—and is like a gift. I then take the idea and make it my own—that is where the skill lies.”

~ Johannes Brahms

## Happy Birthday!

**Johannes Brahms** (1833–1897) was a German virtuoso pianist, composer, and conductor from Hamburg. Considered one of the “Three Bs” of music along with Ludwig van Beethoven and Johann Sebastian Bach, Brahms is a revered figure of the Romantic period. He was both



a traditionalist and an innovator who worked with many of the leading musicians of his time. After moving to Vienna in the 1870s, he became the principal conductor of the Society of Friends Music and director of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.