

## Wagner & Lord of The Rings Lesson 2- All Students



### All Students- The Ring Cycle

*Der Ring des Nibelungen* (*The Ring of the Nibelung*) or *The Ring Cycle* is a complex plot which includes gods, giants, dwarves and nymphs. They all struggle for world power through owning a ring made from gold from the river Rhine. A curse has been placed on the ring. Returning the ring to the Rhine River will lift the curse. After spending four years writing the stories for his four-opera cycle, Wagner began composing the music in 1853.

Wagner wrote the libretto (script) and music over the course of twenty-six years, from 1848 to 1874. The four parts that make up the *Ring* cycle series are:

1. Das Rheingold (*The Rhinegold*)
2. Die Walküre (*The Valkyrie*)
3. Siegfried
4. Götterdämmerung (*Twilight of the Gods*)



Almost 100 years later in 1937, J.R.R Tolkien began writing a book based on the same legend. This book was *Lord of the Rings* which became one of the best selling books ever written.

1. All students- What creatures are featured in the operas *The Ring Cycle*?
2. All students- Why is the ring important?
3. All students- What is wrong with the ring?
4. All students- When did Wagner start composing the music?
5. All students- What does libretto mean?
6. All students- How long did it take Wagner to write the series?
7. All students- What is the name of the first opera in the series?
8. All students- What is the name of the third opera in the series?
9. All students- When did Tolkien start writing *Lord of the Rings*?
10. All students- Why is *Lord of the Rings* an important book?

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WAGNER  
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