



- What has the river come to symbolize in the recording? [Answer: a place of reflection, a symbol of growing up.] Talk about the river as a metaphor for life in movies such as *A River Runs Through It*.
- What does the dog moving in mean to Christoph? [Answer: his grieving over his father is over, his mother is ready to let him take on more responsibilities.]

Creative Writing

- Review your discussion about prologues and epilogues from Scene 1. Ask your students to add an epilogue to a story they have already written. The content could include what happened years later, or what lessons were learned.
- Be sure to end this recording with an exercise in letter writing. Here are some examples of letters written by students with learning disabilities (spelling intact!). It is encouraging to see the profound sympathy expressed for Beethoven and the number of facts about his life that have been remembered.

March 3, 1824
Dear Mr. Beethoven,
I have been having a hard time with you getting up at night and playing your music. I never get any sleep. It is nice music, but I am Fed up. The babies wake up and I don't get any sleep.
From Christoph

March 3, 1824
Dear Mr. Beethoven,
Can you stop all that racket now please? I know that you have a hard time understanding what I am trying to tell you when I am speaking. That's why I am writing to you.
From Christoph

Dear Mr. Beethoven,
I am sorry you are deaf.
I like your music.
I am sorry you are dead.
From Christoff

March 3, 1824
Dear Mr. Beethoven,
Can you stop writting on the walls? Why do you dump water over your head? It's ruining my floors. I have been hating when you wake up the babies. I know you can't hear but you're so loud. If there were special thing to put in your ears, I would get them for you.
From Christoph

March 3, 1824
Dear Mr. Beethoven,
I hope you like your new house. Bye the way, could you quiet your music down? Would you sop stomping on the stares?. Would you stop being loud in the morning. If all these things you would do, that wud be good.
From Christoph

March 3, 1824
Dear Mr. Beethoven,
I think you are inside a very nice man. Sometimes I get frusteratted. But I understand that you are deaf.
From Christophe

Dear Mr. Beethoven
I love your music. I'm sorry you are deaf. Do you have glasses? You must like music because you go to restaurants and you order. They make the food and you go home and play music instead of eating.
From Cristoph