

Introduction to Opera

Music Education · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What is the primary definition of an opera?

- A) A play where most or all lines are sung to music**
- B) A type of instrumental symphony
- C) A dance performance without singing
- D) A spoken play with no musical background

2. In which country did opera originate during the late 16th century?

- A) France
- B) Italy**
- C) Germany
- D) Spain

3. What is the term for the written text or script of an opera?

- A) Novel
- B) Scripture
- C) Libretto**
- D) Playbook

4. What is the musical introduction played by the orchestra before the opera begins?

- A) Overture**
- B) Finale
- C) Intermission
- D) Encore

5. In opera, what is a solo song called that expresses a character's emotions?

- A) Chorus
- B) Aria**
- C) Duet
- D) Recitative

6. What is the term for the 'sung speech' used to move the plot along between songs?

- A) Lullaby
- B) Humming
- C) Recitative**
- D) Staccato

7. Which vocal range is typically the highest for a female singer?

A) Soprano

B) Alto

C) Tenor

D) Bass

8. Which vocal range is typically the lowest for a male singer?

A) Soprano

B) Baritone

C) Tenor

D) Bass

9. Where does the orchestra usually sit during an opera performance?

A) On the balcony

B) In the orchestra pit

C) Behind the singers on stage

D) In the lobby

10. Who is the person responsible for leading the orchestra and keeping the singers in time?

A) Conductor

B) Librettist

C) Director

D) Choreographer