

Music History Essentials

Music History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which composer is famous for writing the 'Four Seasons' violin concertos?

- A) Johann Sebastian Bach
- B) Antonio Vivaldi**
- C) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- D) Ludwig van Beethoven

2. The 'British Invasion' of the 1960s was led by which iconic rock band?

- A) The Rolling Stones
- B) The Who
- C) The Beatles**
- D) The Kinks

3. In which city was jazz music born in the late 19th and early 20th centuries?

- A) New Orleans**
- B) Chicago
- C) New York City
- D) Memphis

4. Which instrument is primarily associated with the Baroque composer Johann Sebastian Bach?

- A) Piano
- B) Electric Guitar
- C) Organ**
- D) Synthesizer

5. Who is often referred to as the 'King of Pop'?

- A) Elvis Presley
- B) Prince
- C) Michael Jackson**
- D) Freddie Mercury

6. What type of music originated in the Bronx, New York, during the 1970s?

- A) Grunge
- B) Hip Hop**
- C) Heavy Metal
- D) Country

7. Ludwig van Beethoven composed his famous 'Ninth Symphony' while experiencing what physical impairment?

- A) Blindness
- B) Loss of speech
- C) Deafness**
- D) Paralysis

8. Which artist released the best-selling album of all time, titled 'Thriller'?

- A) Michael Jackson**
- B) Whitney Houston
- C) Madonna
- D) Prince

9. The instrument 'theremin' is known for being played without what?

- A) Electricity
- B) Physical contact**
- C) Sheet music
- D) Strings

10. Which decade is widely considered the beginning of the 'Rock and Roll' era?

- A) 1940s
- B) 1950s**
- C) 1960s
- D) 1970s

11. Which famous composer was a child prodigy who began composing music at age five?

- A) Franz Schubert
- B) Frederic Chopin
- C) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**
- D) Johannes Brahms

12. The genre of 'Grunge' music became globally famous in the early 1990s, originating from which city?

- A) Seattle**
- B) London
- C) Los Angeles
- D) Nashville

13. Which legendary guitarist is known for his performance of 'The Star-Spangled Banner' at Woodstock?

- A) Eric Clapton
- B) Jimmy Page
- C) Jimi Hendrix**
- D) Keith Richards

14. What is the name of the opera singer who became a global pop culture icon in the 'Three Tenors'?

- A) Andrea Bocelli
- B) Luciano Pavarotti**
- C) Enrico Caruso
- D) Plácido Domingo

15. Which musical movement was defined by its rebellion against the established music industry in the late 1970s?

- A) Punk**
- B) Disco
- C) Classical
- D) Swing

16. Which instrument is considered the standard for providing the 'rhythm section' beat in modern drum kits?

- A) Snare drum
- B) Bass drum**
- C) Cymbal
- D) Tom-tom

17. Before becoming a global superstar, Elvis Presley was often called by what nickname?

- A) The King of Rock and Roll**
- B) The Piano Man
- C) The Man in Black
- D) The Boss

18. Which musical style, originating in Jamaica, heavily influenced the development of early hip hop?

- A) Reggae**
- B) Calypso
- C) Samba
- D) Tango