

Exploring Opera

Opera · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What is the primary way opera tells its story?

- A) Dancing
- B) Acting without words
- C) Singing**
- D) Reciting poetry

2. Which of these is a well-known type of musical accompaniment in opera?

- A) Drum solos
- B) Full orchestra**
- C) Beatboxing
- D) A single violin

3. What do opera singers often wear on stage to enhance their characters?

- A) Everyday clothes
- B) Costumes
- C) Simple uniforms**
- D) Pajamas

4. In opera, what is the term for the sung dialogue that moves the story forward?

- A) Chorale
- B) Aria
- C) Recitative**
- D) Overture

5. Which country is widely considered the birthplace of opera?

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

6. What is the large hall or building where operas are performed called?

- A) Gymnasium
- B) Library
- C) Theatre**
- D) Stadium

7. What is a solo song in an opera called, often expressing a character's emotions?

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

8. Who is often credited with composing one of the earliest known operas, 'L'Orfeo'?

- A) Mozart
- B) Bach
- C) Monteverdi**
- D) Beethoven

9. What does an opera singer often use to project their voice to a large audience?

- A) Microphones
- B) Megaphones
- C) No amplification (natural voice)**
- D) Headphones

10. Which of these is NOT typically a role in an opera production?

- A) Composer
- B) Librettist
- C) Stage manager
- D) Video game designer**

11. What is the instrumental introduction to an opera called?

- A) Interlude
- B) Finale
- C) Overture**
- D) Sonata

12. What is the term for a group of singers who perform together in an opera?

- A) Soloists
- B) Quartet
- C) Chorus**
- D) Duo

13. What are the words of an opera called?

- A) Score
- B) Libretto**
- C) Script
- D) Lyrics

14. Which of these composers is famous for many well-known operas, like 'The Magic Flute' and 'Don Giovanni'?

- A) Vivaldi
- B) Handel
- C) Haydn
- D) Mozart**

15. What is the main purpose of the orchestra in an opera?

- A) To provide background music only
- B) To sing the main parts
- C) To accompany the singers and create atmosphere**
- D) To perform a separate concert