

Introduction to Opera

Music · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What is the script or text of an opera called?

A) Libretto

B) Score

C) Overture

D) Aria

2. Which famous composer wrote the opera 'The Magic Flute'?

A) Ludwig van Beethoven

B) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

C) Johann Sebastian Bach

D) Giuseppe Verdi

3. What is an 'aria' in the context of an opera?

A) An orchestral opening piece

B) A fast-paced spoken dialogue

C) A solo vocal piece expressing deep emotion

D) The name of the opera house stage

4. What is the term for the orchestral piece played at the very beginning of an opera?

A) Finale

B) Recitative

C) Coda

D) Overture

5. In which country did the art form of opera originate during the late 16th century?

A) Italy

B) France

C) Germany

D) Austria

6. What is the name of the singing style used in opera where the melody moves like natural speech to advance the plot?

A) Coloratura

B) Recitative

C) Falsetto

D) Vibrato

7. Which vocal range is typically the highest for an adult female singer in opera?

- A) Alto
- B) Mezzo-soprano
- C) Soprano**
- D) Contralto

8. What is the term for the large book or collection of musical notation that shows all the parts for singers and instruments?

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