

Jazz History Essentials

Jazz History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which American city is widely recognized as the birthplace of jazz music?

A) New Orleans

B) Seattle

C) Boston

D) Miami

2. Which iconic jazz trumpeter was famously nicknamed 'Satchmo'?

A) Miles Davis

B) Louis Armstrong

C) Chet Baker

D) Dizzy Gillespie

3. Which 1959 album by Miles Davis became the best-selling jazz record of all time?

A) Giant Steps

B) Kind of Blue

C) Time Out

D) Head Hunters

4. Which musical instrument did the famous jazz bandleader Duke Ellington play?

A) Trumpet

B) Drums

C) Piano

D) Saxophone

5. Which legendary jazz singer was known as the 'First Lady of Song'?

A) Ella Fitzgerald

B) Nina Simone

C) Peggy Lee

D) Sarah Vaughan

6. What is the term for vocal improvisation in jazz using nonsense syllables instead of words?

A) Bel Canto

B) Scat singing

C) Falsetto

D) Yodeling

7. Legendary jazz musician Charlie Parker was famous for playing which instrument?

A) Saxophone

B) Trombone

C) Violin

D) Clarinet

8. Which fast-tempo style of jazz emerged in the early 1940s, pioneered by Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie?

A) Smooth Jazz

B) Bebop

C) Dixieland

D) Ragtime

9. Which influential jazz saxophonist composed and recorded the 1965 album 'A Love Supreme'?

A) Thelonious Monk

B) John Coltrane

C) Dave Brubeck

D) Ornette Coleman

10. Which iconic jazz vocalist was affectionately nicknamed 'Lady Day'?

A) Billie Holiday

B) Etta James

C) Bessie Smith

D) Dinah Washington