

Jazz History Essentials

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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