Jazz History Basics

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1. In which year was Miles Davis's landmark album 'Kind of Blue' released?

A) 1959
B) 1965
C) 1949
D) 1972

2. Which famous jazz trumpeter was widely known by the nickname 'Satchmo'?

A) Dizzy Gillespie
B) Louis Armstrong
C) Duke Ellington
D) Miles Davis

3. Which U.S. city is historically recognized as the birthplace of jazz music?

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

4. Who was crowned the 'King of Swing' during the big band era of the 1930s?

A) Count Basie
B) Glenn Miller
C) Duke Ellington
D) Benny Goodman

5. Which saxophone instrument did bebop pioneer Charlie Parker primarily play?

A) Alto saxophone
B) Tenor saxophone
C) Soprano saxophone
D) Baritone saxophone

6. What 1941 song written by Billy Strayhorn became the signature theme for the Duke Ellington Orchestra?

A) Fly Me to the Moon
B) Take the 'A' Train
C) Sing, Sing, Sing
D) Autumn Leaves

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7. The 1959 Dave Brubeck Quartet track 'Take Five' is written in which time signature?

A) 3/4
B) 6/8
C) 5/4
D) 7/8

8. In which year was the first commercial jazz recording made by the Original Dixieland Jass Band?

A) 1905
B) 1917
C) 1927
D) 1935

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