Jazz History for Kids

Jazz History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which city in the United States is known as the birthplace of jazz?

A) New Orleans
B) New York City
C) Chicago
D) Los Angeles

2. Which of these instruments is a member of the brass family often used in jazz?

A) Violin
B) Trumpet
C) Flute
D) Guitar

3. Louis Armstrong was a famous jazz musician who played which instrument?

A) Drums
B) Piano
C) Trumpet
D) Bass

4. What is the name of the special way jazz musicians make up music as they play?

A) Improvisation
B) Conducting
C) Reading
D) Singing

5. Duke Ellington was a famous jazz musician who was known for playing which instrument?

A) Trombone
B) Piano
C) Clarinet
D) Saxophone

6. The saxophone belongs to which family of musical instruments?

A) Percussion
B) String
C) Woodwind
D) Brass

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7. Which jazz singer was nicknamed the 'First Lady of Song' for her beautiful voice?

A) Ella Fitzgerald
B) Aretha Franklin
C) Nina Simone
D) Billie Holiday

8. In a jazz band, which instrument is typically responsible for keeping the beat?

A) Piano
B) Drums
C) Trumpet
D) Tuba

9. What does a jazz band often use to create a 'swing' rhythm?

A) A metronome
B) Different-sized drums
C) A steady pulse
D) A computer

10. Benny Goodman was a famous bandleader who was famous for playing which woodwind instrument?

A) Oboe
B) Saxophone
C) Clarinet
D) Bassoon

11. Jazz music often features a 'call and response' pattern, which sounds like what?

A) A conversation
B) A whisper
C) A loud shout
D) A long silence

12. Which of these is a brass instrument often used in jazz that has a long slide?

A) Trumpet
B) Trombone
C) French Horn
D) Tuba

13. Charlie Parker was a famous jazz musician who played which instrument?

A) Saxophone
B) Piano
C) Trumpet
D) Drums

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14. What is the name of a group of musicians who play jazz music together?

A) Orchestra
B) Jazz Band
C) Choir
D) String Quartet

15. The 'Big Band' era of jazz featured many musicians playing at the same time to create what kind of sound?

A) A quiet sound
B) A very soft sound
C) A full and loud sound
D) A single sound

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