

Quiz Questions on American Music

1. What famous American musicians are the authors of the following statements?

* I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music.

* The first time that I appeared on stage, it scared me to death. I really didn't know what all the yelling was about. I didn't realize that my body was moving. It's a natural thing to me. So to the manager backstage I said 'What'd I do? What'd I do?' And he said 'Whatever it is, go back and do it again.'

* There is two kinds of music, the good and bad. I play the good kind.

* True music must repeat the thought and inspirations of the people and the time. My people are Americans and my time is today.

* Drugs are a waste of time. They destroy your memory and your self-respect and everything that goes along with your self-esteem. They're no good at all.

* If people take anything from my music, it should be motivation to know that anything is possible as long as you keep working at it and don't back down.

2. In the American music industry, what is the term given to the illegitimate practice of requital by record companies for the broadcast of recordings on music radio, in which the song is presented as being part of the normal day's broadcast?

3. To whom the prestigious Grammy Awards are given? Name the most prestigious categories – the so called “Big Four”.

4. What are the origins of the American Folk music?

5. Please, name the musician who pioneered the fusion of folk with rock thus bringing the genre into the mainstream.

6. Which of these is a piece by Scott Joplin?

* Maple Leaf Rag * Wall Street Rag * Palm Leaf Rag

7. Which American jazz musician preferred to call his style of music as 'American Music'?

8. This musical instrument invented in 1842 and named after Hector Berlioz was used in wind bands and symphony orchestras (in famous Boléro by M. Ravel there are 3 such instruments). It also became one of the main instruments in jazz music style that originated in the US at the end of 19th century. **What is this instrument?**

9. **What does the term “the blues” mean and what musical forms were this musical style ancestors?**

10. **Where does the most beloved American opera “Porgy and Bess” take place?**

11. After the Whitehouse, this famous musician’s museum is the most-visited house in the United States . **What is its name and where is it situated?**

12. Can you decipher the different Elvis songs?

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13. **What is the term that expresses a profound effect of such bands as the Beatles, The Who, The Rolling Stones on American culture and music?**

14. **What music styles were presented at the famous Woodstock Festival? Какие муз.направления были представлены на знаменитом theWoodstock Festival ?**

15. **What American singer, songwriter, dancer, choreographer, actor** was recognized by the Guinness World Records as the most successful entertainer of all time who transformed popular music and united all races, ages and genders.

16. **What musical was the Broadway’s longest-running show and musical before The Phantom of the Opera (which was opened on Broadway in 1988 and is performed till now) ?**

17. **What a new form of music was inspired in the late 1970s by urban African-American traditions of using playful rhyming and street jive ?**

18. **What new style of rock music appeared in the early to mid 1990s** through bands such as Nirvana, Soundgarden, Pearl Jam and others?

19. **Pair the American musicians in the list with the song that they have sung.**

Woody Guthrie	Like a virgin
Kate Smith	Woman in Love
Madonna	What A Wonderful World
Barbara Streisand	This Land is Your Land
Louis Armstrong	My way
Frank Sinatra	God Bless America

20. Please, write a story (...just in short...) about one of your favorite songs from The Great American Songbook - your feelings about it, situations when you heard it for the first time or when you were very impressed by it a.o.