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## Week 11 Assignment

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### 1) What are the typical themes found in **blues** music?

Typical themes often found in blues music include lyrics about misfortune, betrayal, regret, dealing with personal adversity, overcoming hard luck, saying what you felt, and ridding yourself of frustration.

### 2) What is **jazz** and how is it performed?

Jazz is a form of music that can be played in an improvisatory form by a soloist or as a musical dialogue between two or more players.

### 3) List four characteristics of **modern folk music**:

- a. Strophic form
- b. Alternating verse/chorus (binary) forms
- c. Simple pentatonic and/or diatonic melodies
- d. Major and minor tonalities with simple chord progressions

### 3) List five characteristics of **country music**:

- a. Alternating verse/chorus/verse/chorus/bridge forms
- b. Simple pentatonic and/or diatonic melodies
- c. Major and minor tonalities with simple chord progressions
- d. Solos featuring the guitar, fiddle, pedal steel guitar, mandolin, or banjo
- e. Song subjects about life events, love, tragedies, accidents, personal torments, birth, marriage, and death.

### 5) List five characteristics of **rock music**:

- a. Traditional sound and instrumental forms of verse/chorus/verse/chorus/bridge/solo/chorus, 12-bar blues, and AABA forms
- b. Pentatonic and/or diatonic melodies
- c. Major and minor tonalities with simple to complex chord progressions
- d. Accents on beats 2 and 4 (backbeat) and solos.

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- e. Traditional instrumentation of a vocalist, guitar, bass guitar, keyboards, and drums.

6) List five styles of music found in the historical development of **film music**:

- a. Western Music (Classical and Romantic music from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries)
- b. Jazz
- c. Rock
- d. Pop
- e. Impressionistic and expressionistic 20<sup>th</sup> century music

7) List four characteristics of **world music**:

- a. Melody is often more important than harmony
- b. Harmony is most often in the form of a drone
- c. Asymmetric groupings of beats as a mean of establishing meter.
- d. Texture is most commonly heterophonic

9) Identify the following **instruments** that you hear in the audio examples found in the **Assignment Audio** folder:

- a. Didgeridoo
  - b. Dilruba
  - c. Erhu
  - d. Native American Flute
  - e. Mbira
  - f. Qanun
  - g. Saron
  - h. Shamisen
  - i. Mexican Violin
  - j. Mexican Guitar
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10) Identify the following **musical styles** that you hear in the audio examples found in the **Assignment Audio** folder:

- a. African Folk
- b. Early American
- c. Folk
- d. World Music—India
- e. Rock and Pop
- f. Country
- g. World Music—Mexico
- h. Jazz
- i. World Music—Native American
- j. Blues