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Week 11 Assignment

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 fell, 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**:

1. Strophic form
2. Alternating verse/chorus (binary) forms
3. Simple pentatonic and/or diatonic melodies
4. Major and minor tonalities with simple chord progressions

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

1. Alternating verse/chorus/verse/chorus/bridge forms
2. Simple pentatonic and/or diatonic melodies
3. Major and minor tonalities with simple chord progressions
4. Solos featuring the guitar, fiddle, pedal steel guitar, mandolin, or banjo
5. Song subjects about life events, love, tragedies, accidents, personal torments, birth, marriage, and death.

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

1. Traditional sound and instrumental forms of verse/chorus/verse/chorus/bridge/solo/chorus, 12-bar blues, and AABA forms
2. Pentatonic and/or diatonic melodies
3. Major and minor tonalities with simple to complex chord progressions
4. Accents on beats 2 and 4 (backbeat) and solos.
5. 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**:

1. Western Music (Classical and Romantic music from the 18th and 19th centuries)
2. Jazz
3. Rock
4. Pop
5. Impressionistic and expressionistic 20th century music

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

1. Melody is often more important than harmony
2. Harmony is most often in the form of a drone
3. Asymmetric groupings of beats as a mean of establishing meter.
4. Texture is most commonly heterophonic

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

1. Didgeridoo
2. Dilruba
3. Erhu
4. Native American Flute
5. Mbira
6. Qanun
7. Saron
8. Shamisen
9. Mexican Violin
10. Mexican Guitar

10) Identify the following **musical styles** that you hear in the audio examples found in the **Assignment** **Audio** folder:

1. African Folk
2. Early American
3. Folk
4. World Music—India
5. Rock and Pop
6. Country
7. World Music—Mexico
8. Jazz
9. World Music—Native American
10. Blues