

Quick Check Jazz Greats

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

- 1. What is scat?
 - (A) a drum used in jazz
 - (B) a musical instrument
 - © singing only syllables, no words
 - ① a way of writing music down
- 2. What prevented Billie Holiday from going to a restaurant with her fellow band members?
 - (A) her race
 - (B) her diet
 - (C) her age
 - ① her being a woman
- **3.** What did Louis Armstrong do for jazz music?
 - A He invented jazz.
 - B He gave speeches and told people about jazz.
 - © He played it in a way that made it very popular.
 - ① All of the above

- **4.** What was Ella Fitzgerald known for?
 - (A) scat
 - B bebop
 - (C) improvisation
 - ① all of the above
- **5.** How did Duke Ellington show the world how talented he was?
 - (A) He taught himself to play the piano.
 - B He taught himself how to read music.
 - © He wrote music and was a bandleader.
 - (D) All of the above
- **6.** Why was music so important to slaves?
 - (A) They could express their thoughts.
 - (B) It was a way to have fun.
 - ① They could be creative.
 - ① All of the above





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7. What is improvisation?

- (A) music created by slaves
- B music that people invent as they play
- © a type of music only played by trumpets
- (D) all of the above
- **8.** Jazz music's roots are in _____.
 - (A) rock and roll
 - (B) slaves' music
 - © hip hop
 - D bebop

- 9. Which is the best summary statement for the section titled "Jazz Today"?
 - A Jazz music is still popular today and has influenced new styles of music.
 - B Jazz began in the early twentieth century, and out of this came blues, bebop, and swing.
 - © Miles Davis's parents wanted him to play classical music, but his true talents were in the world of jazz.
 - Many students have become involved with jazz music through their high school bands.

10. What is an innovator?

- (A) a person who plays saxophone
- ® someone who likes jamming
- © a person who creates something new
- someone who has become famous for his or her music





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11. Extended Response: Sometimes great things are invented by accident. What two things explained in this book did people invent by accident that turned out to be good? Explain how they were invented.

12. Extended Response: Why does jazz music keep changing? Use information from the book to support your answer.

LEVEL V

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

- **1.** ① Vocabulary
- **2.** A Cause and Effect
- **3.** (C) Main Idea and Details
- **4.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- **5.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- **6.** (D) Make Inferences / Draw conclusions
- **7. B** Vocabulary
- **8.** (B) Main Idea and Details
- 9. (A) Main Idea and Details
- **10.** (C) Vocabulary
- 11. Answers should include the following: Music called jazz and the blues were invented by accident. Jazz was built on a tradition of African American music. It was created by slaves as a way for slaves to express their thoughts, ideas, and their desires for freedom. It was music filled with sadness and joy. Blues music is very similar to jazz and was created the same way.
- 12. Answers should include the following: New people continue to be involved with jazz music. New people come into the jazz music field with new ideas; many performers today blend their jazz music with Latin rhythms and instruments, African drumming and singing, Middle Eastern melodies, and music styles from around the world.