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AMERICAN FOLK

Take this short quiz to test your knowledge.

1. What other words did “folk” come from, and what do they mean?

2. What was the earliest emergence of folk music in America?

3. What are some of the sub-genres that make up folk music?

4. What were the original American folk songs about?

5. What is Woody Guthrie’s most famous song, which was sung by Lady Gaga at the 2017 Super Bowl?

6. During what decade did the American folk music revival occur?

7. What was Bob Dylan known for?

8. When did Americana become popular?

9. During the phase of Americana, what other genres were mixed into the sound of folk music?

10. Nora Guthrie cites Beyoncé as an example of one branch of a modern folk artist. In what way is Beyoncé a folk artist?



STUDENT QUIZ

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A SONG IS BORN

Take this quick quiz to test your knowledge.

1. How many of the steps between an idea for a song and radio play can you name? (There are six)

2. What does the company iZotope do?

3. What are some things you can try when you're trying to write a song but feeling stuck?

4. What is the difference between arrangement and orchestration?

5. What are a couple of things you need to record a song?

6. What can you add to your song using a DAW, like Garageband?

7. What is mixing?

8. What is the difference between mixing and mastering?

9. How do you get your music played on a service like Spotify or Apple Music?

10. Is every song's journey from idea to radio always the same?



STUDENT QUIZ

LUKE COMBS

Take this short quiz to test your knowledge.

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1. What year did Combs move to Nashville?

2. What happened in his first Nashville meeting?

3. What three specific genres does Stephen Erlewine classify Combs' music as a blend of?

4. What makes Luke Combs and his music so authentic?

5. What is the title of his first EP?

6. With which iconic country artist did Combs recently tie a record with?

7. What did Combs get nominated for a GRAMMY Award for in 2019?

8. What other artist inspired him to play the guitar and write his own songs?

9. Can you name two of his songs?

10. What do you think makes Luke Combs special, based on what you've heard about his music and his philosophy as an artist?

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STUDENT QUIZ ANSWERS

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1. Folklore: the traditional beliefs and customs of a community; Volk: german word meaning "the people as a whole"
2. In the slave fields in the south, when workers would sing renditions of spirituals
3. Bluegrass, country, gospel, blues
4. The hopes, sorrows and convictions of working-class America
5. "This Land Is Your Land"
6. The 1960s
7. Bob Dylan was known for pioneering the sound of modern folk, his song-writing skills, and playing the electric guitar during the 1965 Folk Festival
8. The 1990s
9. Jazz and classical
10. Beyoncé writes and performs songs about social justice, pride and community, which were the building blocks of traditional folk music in the south

A SONG IS BORN

1. Songwriting, Arrangement/Orchestration, Production/Recording, Mixing, Mastering, Distribution
2. iZotope is an American audio technology company that develops and manufactures music creation hardware and software
3. Remember a meaningful event or a strong emotion, experiment with weird sounds and rhythms
4. Arrangement describes how the song is structured, orchestration is about which instruments are used and which notes they play
5. A microphone, a computer or cell phone, a DAW
6. Reverb, sound effects, loops, digital instrument sounds
7. Mixing is when an engineer manipulates the sound levels of each track in the project
8. Mastering happens after mixing, to make sure each track is the correct volume and in the proper format
9. Work with an aggregator or distribution service
10. No. Some songs take different paths

LUKE COMBS

1. 2014
2. He was told his songs "weren't good enough"
3. Classic country, southern-fried soul and a hint of modern R&B
4. He dedicates all of his time to the music instead of flashy performances
5. The Way She Rides
6. Shania Twain
7. Best New Artist
8. Eric Church
9. "She Got The Best of Me," "Beautiful Crazy," "Can I Get An Outlaw," "Hurricane"
10. Subjective