

Questions for History of the Blues

Name: _____

1. When did the blues start to appear as a musical form? _____
2. What format does the Blues typically use? _____
3. What are the three features of the blues? _____
4. What is meant by the "blue note"? _____
5. Explain the Blues lyric structure? _____
6. A skilled blues artist use _____ distinct vocal sounds over the course of a single lyric line.
7. How else might a blues artist add to their vocalization? _____
8. What is a common misperception of the Blues? _____
9. The Blues are often written in the _____ person.
10. What blues artist made the Blues more popular? _____
11. From what two groups did the Blues evolve from prior to WWII? _____
12. What is considered to be the first blues recording? _____ who was it done by? _____
13. Who was the most important of the classic blues artists? _____ How many songs did she record? _____
14. What three styles made up country blues? _____
15. Explain the Texas style? _____
16. Who were some of the famous Texas Blues artists? _____
17. What marked the Delta Blues style? _____
18. Who were some of the famous Delta Blues artists? _____
19. Explain the Piedmont style? _____
20. Who were some of the famous Piedmont blues artists? _____
21. What two styles of blues developed in the 1920s? _____
22. What demographic changes took place in the US around WWII? _____
23. Who was the first Delta bluesman to find urban fame? _____
24. Describe the new Chicago style blues after WWII? _____
25. Who was one of the great early Chicago blues artists? _____
26. Who were some of the other ones? _____
27. Who was influenced by the Chicago blues? _____
28. As Blues declined, what took its place among African Americans? _____
29. Who were some of the blues artists that were rediscovered by white audiences in the 60s? _____
30. Explain how blues music continued to grow into mainstream music? _____