

Ken Burn's Jazz Video Questions

1. Name five important early jazz musicians.
2. Pick two from above and list at least three contributions from each to the betterment of the art form.
3. What is Minstrelsy? How does it contribute to the beginnings of jazz?
4. What is the instrumental line up of the typical brass band as heard around the turn of the century? Name three kinds of music the brass band would typically play?
5. Who was the most famous exponent of the music called Ragtime? Name two famous ragtimes. When was ragtime the most popular music in America? Where was it typically heard?
6. What is the more commonly known name of Ferdinand Joseph Lamothe, the self proclaimed originator of jazz.
7. Where did jazz first begin? (Name a City)
8. What about this city made it a fertile breeding ground for music?
9. Who is considered the greatest genius of Early Jazz?
10. What is the historical significance of Plessy vs. Ferguson? Where did the case originate?

Questions should be numbered, typed and answered in complete sentences.