

Q&A for Country Course Grades 3-5

Note to Teachers: These questions serve as a guideline for the Introduction to Country music course. Please work through them at the pace of the class, keeping each Q&A section to no more than 3 minutes. Music In Life lesson can take up to 5 minutes. Please encourage the students to move their bodies if they feel like it.

Pre- Course Questions

1. **Raise your hand if you listen to Country music.**
2. **What instruments do you think are used in Country music?**
3. **Can you name any Country music styles or artists?**

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Part 1 (History and Fun Fact 1)

1. **When did Country music begin?**
Suggested answer: The 1920's
2. **What states did Country music originate in?**
Suggested answers: Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina. The rural areas of the Appalachian Mountains.
3. **Country music started out as a folk-type of music from what two groups of people?**
Suggested answers: Irish and Scottish immigrants and African-Americans
4. **What is the main goal of Country music?**
Suggested answer: to tell a story – “3 chords and the truth”
5. **What is the Grand Ole Opry, what is it referred to as and where is it located?**
Suggested answers: A Country Music radio/stage show created by an insurance company. It made Country Music very popular and made Nashville, Tennessee Country Music's home. It is referred to “The Show that Made Country Music Famous”. It is located in Nashville, TN

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Part 2 (Instruments and Styles)

1. **What were some of the instruments played in Country music?**
Suggested answers: Acoustic Guitar, Banjo, Fiddle (Violin), Mandolin, Dobro (Slide Guitar), Pedal Steel Guitar, Voice
2. **What is the difference between a fiddle and a violin?**
Suggested answer: they are the same instrument just a different name
3. **What Country music styles that were featured?**
Suggested answer: Bluegrass, Honky Tonk, The Nashville Sound, Outlaw and Modern
4. **What style of Country music is rowdy and made for dancing?**
Suggested answer: Honky Tonk
5. **Which great Country singer helped make the style called “The Nashville Sound”?**
Suggested answer: Patsy Cline
6. **What style of Country music did artists like Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson pioneer in the 1970s?**
Suggested answer: Outlaw Country
7. **What techniques did modern country use to attract a broad audience?**
Suggested answer: The most up-to-date modern recording equipment and technology.

Music in Life Lesson (Active Listening Exercise)

Note to the Teacher: Before starting this exercise, talk to the students about how music is a very personal experience and that what they feel when listening to a piece of music can be different from someone else. It is important for them to understand how music makes them feel and how they should use music in their life as a tool to better themselves academically, athletically, behaviorally and artistically.

Instructions to the Students: You will be listening to part of a song by called “You Can’t Roller Skate in a Buffalo Herd” by Roger Miller. Close your eyes and think about how the music makes you feel and what activity you would do while listening to this song. When the music finishes I will ask you to share with the rest of the class how the music made you feel and what activity you would do while listening to this song. When the music is playing, please do not talk so that everyone is able to hear the music.

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Questions for Music in Life Lesson

1. How did the music make you feel?
2. What activity would you do while listening to this song?
3. What do you think this song is about?

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Part 3 (Classic Artists of Country Music and Musical Movement Minute)

1. On what show was Roy Acuff a regular performer?
Suggested answer: *The Grand Ole Opry Radio Show*
2. What famous song did Tammy Wynette sing?
Suggested answer: “Stand by your Man”
3. How many #1 hits did Charley Pride have?
Suggested answer: 40 #1 hits!
4. What famous singer/songwriter who sang “9 to 5” was also an actress and even has her own theme park?
Suggested answer: *Dolly Parton*
5. Who is one of the all-time greats and often referred to as “The Man in Black”?
Suggested answer: *Johnny Cash*
6. Who is one of the most successful and influential male Country artists in history?
Suggested answer: *Garth Brooks*

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Part 4 (Fun Fact 2 and Contemporary Artists of Country Music)

1. Famous poet/writer Shel Silverstein wrote children’s books, he also wrote Country songs. Can you name some of his books?
Suggested answers: *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, *The Giving Tree*, *A Light in the Attic*, ect.
2. Which Country music star began competing in talent shows at age 16 and released her first album at 21?
Suggested answer: *Miranda Lambert*
3. Name the new country music star who got his start by releasing his own YouTube videos?
Suggested answer: *Kane Brown*
4. What country artist from New Zealand is known for his rocking guitar playing?
Suggested answer: *Keith Urban*
5. What was the name of the country music quartet that we featured?
Suggested answer: *Little Big Town*
6. What male country artist wrote songs for other artists and was recently named “Artist of the Year”?
Suggested answer: *Luke Bryan*

Want more Country music? Check out **Maestro’s Encore**— the link is under the Course documents section.

Take the final minutes to talk to the students about the handouts that are going to be sent home (Sound Bites and Activity Sheet). Encourage them to discuss the Sound Bites with their parents/guardians and to share with them some facts that they learned from the class.