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Here's a nice quiz on the Origin of Country Music. The answers are on the bottom of the page.

P.S. Don't feel bad if you only get half of them right. You'll be doing better than my partner Stu did...

1) What person is known as the "Father of Country Music"?

- A. Johnny Cash
- B. Jimmie Rodgers
- C. Tex Ritter
- D. Jed Clampett

2) Who wrote a song about driving on the soundtrack of the movie "Roadie" that became a number one country song?

- A. Merle Haggard
- B. Charlie Daniels
- C. Eddie Rabbitt
- D. Willie Nelson

3) What year did Patsy Cline die in a plane crash?

- A. 1976
- B. 1945
- C. 1963
- D. 1990

4) In 1996 "Wild Angels" hits No. 1 on the country charts. Who was the country singer?

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- A. Anita Carter
- B. Gretchen Wilson
- C. Martina McBride
- D. Reba McEntire

5) What female country singer joined forces with Moe Bandy to sing the song, "It's a Cheatin' Situation"?

- A. Charly McClain
- B. Tammy Wynette
- C. Jan Howard
- D. Martha Carson

6) Hank Williams Sr. called his son Hank Jr. "Bocephus". Where did the name "Bocephus" come from?

- A. Artwork from a World War II bomber.
- B. Comedian Rod Brasfield's ventriloquist dummy.
- C. Name of the town drunk in Huntsville, Alabama.
- D. None of the above.

(Answers)

- 1. B
- 2. C
- 3. C
- 4. C
- 5. A
- 6. B

-----Resources:

top-country-songs.com

1) The Movie Roadie: How Meatloaf Tried To Kill Me

<http://www.bobsokol.com/roadie/default.htm>

2) Country Music Magazine, March 2002

3) More Memories, Ralph Emery with Tom Carter (Paperback)

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What Is Country Music Anyway?

By Sintilia Miecevole

When many people think of country music, they think of sad songs about lost loves, broken down trucks and runaway dogs. In their minds, they are hearing all of these woes sung in the traditional twangy country accents of the south. However, these perceptions of country music are far from where this style of music has evolved. Today, country music is one of the most popular genres of music, normally outsold only by rock and pop genres.

Created in the late 19th century, country music has undergone many changes over the years. There are now many sub-genres to this type of music, with some of the sub-genres being commonly played on top 40 radio stations.

To understand country music, it is helpful to know about the instruments commonly associated with it. In country music, one of the most common instruments used is the fiddle (or violin). Some of these instruments can be expensive, but most are relatively inexpensive and are very easily transported since they are light in weight and not overly large. When country music first 'hit the scene', the fiddle was practically the only instrument used as accompaniment. However, as the country music style became more popular, the addition of other accompanying instruments became normal. The banjo became popular in some country music pieces in the mid 1800s, while the guitar did not break into the country music scene until the early 1900s. Electric guitars did not become a regular instrument in country music until much later in the 50s. Other various instruments used in country music are the piano (introduced in the 1930s) and the drums (used since the 1960s). Rarely used, but distinctive sounding instruments are used in certain country songs: the accordion, the harmonica, and the washboards.

Country music has roots in several different styles of music. Its beginnings started with the settlers that came from Europe. During that time, many couldn't read or write, so songs were created to pass history down from one generation to the next. Although country ballads have changed a great deal, going from the original songs about objective, though gruesome, events to more personal, subjective ballads without all the gore.

Today, the sound of country music can sometimes be very similar to other genres of pop and rock. Some country musicians, like Shania Twain, have many songs playing on stations that aren't considered "country". There are also musicians, like Sheryl Crow, who are considered pop/rock, but have songs popular on country stations.

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