



JAZZ MUSIC CLOZE TEST

It was born in US in 19th century in New Orleans. On Sundays, New Orleans slaves met at Congo Square for trading, worship, dancing, singing, and music. These traditional West African rhythms changed into Ragtime, the style known before Jazz. Ragtime was set in traditional song forms such as waltzes, but its defining characteristic was syncopation. Ragtime's popularity lasted from about 1893 to the beginning of World War I. The most famous ragtime composer was Scott Joplin, who published the first of his many 'rags' in 1899. In 1917, "The Original Dixieland Jazz Band", a white group, made the first jazz recording, Livery Stable Blues. Progressive, or Cool, Jazz developed on the West Coast in the late 1940s and early 50s. Jazz wasn't born on a particular day, it was created over a period of time. It wasn't just one person or one race that was responsible for creating it. It was a meeting, and mixing, of the essences and emotions of many people, of many cultures. → it made people feel free → it made people feel alive! → it made people get up and dance.