



I. Directions: Using the **word bank**, fill in the blanks with the correct letter.

**WORD BANK**

a. Bristol	b. modern	c. south	d. harmonica
e. Eck Robertson	f. country	g. Appalachian	h. Gene Autry
i. Great Depression	j. ballads	k. Cowboy and Western	l. Hank Williams
m. Jimmy Rogers	n. banjo	o. instrumental	p. Grand Ole Opry

Country music originated in the early twentieth century among working-class Americans living in the \_\_\_\_\_, especially in the \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains. From its humble beginnings, \_\_\_\_\_ music has become one of the most popular styles of music worldwide.

It started out as a simple \_\_\_\_\_ style. These instruments included the fiddle and \_\_\_\_\_ from Europe, the \_\_\_\_\_ and wash board from Africa.

In 1922, \_\_\_\_\_ recorded and released the first commercially successful country music record. In 1927, \_\_\_\_\_ released Blue Yodel #1 which helped him become known as the father of country music.

As America began to grow, country music had its impact on history when the \_\_\_\_\_ opened in 1925. \_\_\_\_\_, Tennessee is recognized as the birthplace of country music. During the \_\_\_\_\_, country music was a primary source of entertainment for many. In the 1930s, \_\_\_\_\_ brought country music to hollywood and it helped influence \_\_\_\_\_ style films. In the 1950s, artists like \_\_\_\_\_, with his energetic songs, helped country music compete with rock and roll and jazz. Over the years, country music continued to evolve its sound.

As much as country music evolves, one thing that is consistent is that the artists sing their songs through \_\_\_\_\_, a story told through a song. Like many styles of popular music today, country fuses with other genres of music to keep its sound \_\_\_\_\_ and relevant.

## II. Directions: Draw a line to match the Instruments.

banjo



washboard



**fiddle**



**harmonica**



**guitar**



**III. Directions: Match the country music artists**

**Carrie Underwood**



**Gene Autry**



**Reba McEntire**



**Dolly Parton**



**Jimmy Rogers**



**Eck Roberson**



**Hank Williams**

