



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



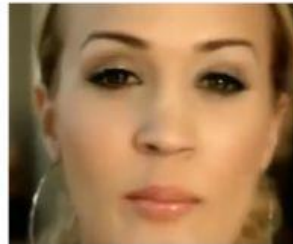
Reba McEntire



Dolly Parton



Jimmy Rogers



Eck Roberson



Hank Williams

