



1. When and where did music first appear?
2. Who invented musical notes, and what do they mean?
3. What kinds of music exist, and which are the most popular?
4. Who are the most famous musicians and composers of all time?
5. Why do people in different countries listen to the same music?
6. How has technology changed the way we listen to music today?
7. Can AI write music better than people can?

A. We still listen to music created centuries ago and enjoy it. The feelings and emotions of a medieval musician resonate with ours, though we are centuries apart. We enjoy songs in a language we do not know. It happens because music is called a universal language. It appeals to emotions. It breaks barriers and creates a sense of unity. That is why international festivals, concerts, and online platforms bring together people from all over the world.

B. In prehistoric times, people knew how to produce sounds and rhythms. The first musical instruments were made of bones, stones, or wood. Due to AI, scientists can restore some of them, and even demonstrate how they were used. Though there were no notes yet, ancient cultures in Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, and Greece had their recognisable musical styles thousands of years ago. Thus, music is one of the oldest forms of art. It was invented long before writing.

C. The invention of notes started a new era – large pieces of music were recorded and shared. The seven notes enable us to reproduce melodies created by the great masters. Classical composers such as Bach, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, and Beethoven are often considered the greatest of all time. Nowadays, AI models are being trained on their samples. The maestros' music is timeless because they created works that are full of strong emotions and energy.

D. Though music and musical styles had been known to people since ancient times, they used to play it by ear. It is believed that musical notes, as we know them today, were first developed in the Middle Ages. Around the 11th century, the Italian monk, Guido of Arezzo, created a system to write down melodies. Each note represents a sound with a specific pitch and length. His invention made it possible to record and share music across Europe.

E. In recent years, artificial intelligence has learned to compose melodies and even whole songs. AI can produce music quickly, and in a wide range of styles. However, most experts agree that while AI is useful, it cannot fully replace human creativity. Music written by people often carries emotions, stories, and cultural meaning that machines cannot truly understand. Still, AI may become a powerful tool to support musicians – beginners, as well as professionals.

F. Good composers usually develop their own manner of writing, and musicians add their own emotions while performing. Due to their creativity, music is presented in countless styles and genres, which include classical, jazz, rock, pop, hip-hop, blues, reggae, country, and electronic music. Music written with AI assistants is also gaining popularity. Generally, pop and hip-hop are probably the most favoured styles today, especially by young people

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29	The Nobel Prize is a very prestigious award. Alfred Nobel, a successful businessman and the _____ of explosives, established prizes for achievements in science, literature and economics.	INVENT
30	Another award, the Oscar, is _____ the most famous prize in the film industry.	PROBABLE
31	The ceremony is an _____ event with lots of film stars.	IMPRESS
32	There are lots of musical awards — Grammys, Brits, and the MTV awards for music, the list is _____.	END
33	In Britain, a writer who wins the Booker prize can expect to see their novel at the top of the bestseller lists and compete with 'The Da Vinci Code' for _____.	POPULAR
34	The Turner Prize is an award for British contemporary artists, and each year it causes heated discussions. Artists get lots of money for their _____ and sometimes even strange works.	USUAL



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