

# Review of African American Spirituals

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## Understanding Songs of Faith

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Answer the following questions based on our lesson about African American spirituals.

1. What are African American spirituals, and why were they created?

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2. What is one purpose of African American spirituals?

- A. To entertain people
- B. To express deep faith
- C. To teach history

3. African American spirituals were only about entertainment and had no deep meaning.

True  False

4. Spirituals used biblical stories as \_\_\_\_ for freedom.

5. How do spirituals help people during difficult times?

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6. What emotion do you hear in spiritual songs?

- A. Joy
- B. Sadness
- C. Hope

7. Music was a source of strength for enslaved people.

True  False

8. According to Psalm 40:3, God puts a \_\_\_\_ song in our mouths.

9. What did we learn about the historical context of spirituals?

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10. What is a key message of African American spirituals?

- A. They are only for singing in church
- B. They express hope and faith during hardship
- C. They should be forgotten

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### Answer Key

1. African American spirituals are songs created by enslaved people to express their Christian faith and hope for freedom. They were a way to communicate hope during slavery. 2. To express deep faith 3. False 4. metaphors 5. Spirituals provide comfort and hope. They help people express their feelings and connect with their faith. 6. Hope 7. True 8. new 9. We learned that spirituals emerged during slavery as a way for enslaved people to share their faith and hope for a better future. 10. They express hope and faith during hardship

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