

Exploring Asian Musical Traditions

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A Journey through the Music of China, Japan, and India

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about Asian musical traditions.

1. Which instrument is commonly associated with Chinese traditional music?

- A. Erhu
- B. Piano
- C. Guitar

2. Japanese traditional music often emphasizes ___ aesthetics.

3. What are some unique characteristics of Indian classical music?

4. The guzheng is a traditional instrument from Japan.

- True False

5. Which of the following is a common theme in Asian musical traditions?

- A. Praise and worship
- B. Love stories
- C. War and conflict

6. In Psalm 150, instruments like the trumpet and ___ are mentioned as ways to praise God.

7. How do the musical traditions of Asia differ from Western music in terms of scales?

8. All Asian musical traditions are very similar to each other.

- True False

9. What is one way that music serves as a universal language?

- A. It can be sung in any language
- B. It can express emotions and ideas that everyone understands
- C. It is always played with drums

10. What surprised you the most about Asian musical traditions?

Answer Key

1. Erhu 2. zen 3. Indian classical music features complex rhythmic structures and a variety of scales. It often includes improvisation and is deeply connected to spirituality. 4. False 5. Praise and worship 6. harp 7. Asian music often uses different scale systems, such as pentatonic scales, which differ from the major and minor scales commonly found in Western music. This gives Asian music a unique sound and feel. 8. False 9. It can express emotions and ideas that everyone understands 10. I was surprised by the variety of instruments and the complexity of the rhythms in Indian classical music. I didn't know music could be so different across cultures.