

QUIZ for Aaron Copland

1. Aaron Copland was born in what year? _____ and in what town?

2. His father had a prominent business in Brooklyn. What was it?

3. Young Aaron studied composition in what country? _____ And who was his very famous teacher? _____
4. What composition clearly shows his use of jazz?

5. What was his first published piece?
_____ Who do you think survives this chase? (Remember, it is based on the folk tale "The Old Cat and the Young Mouse" _____
6. What are royalties? _____
7. Who was Copland's choreographer for his ballet *Rodeo*? _____
8. How did he create wide open spaces in his ballet *Billy the Kid*? (See Video)

9. Copland wrote music for film and for television. True or False
10. Name three awards Copland received for his contributions to music.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
11. Where did he spend many of his summers here in the USA?

12. How did Copland make his music of four simple notes sound busy in the *Billy the Kid* score? (video)

13. Which of the Four Piano Blues was your favorite and why?

14. Why did he turn to conduction in the 1960s and stop composing?

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16. Did you recognize any of Copland's music as you listened to it?

17. Please list your reactions to the following listening examples:

Fanfare for the Common Man:

Lincoln's Portrait:

Billy The Kid:

Rodeo:

Ching-a-Ring Chaw:

I Bought Me A Cat: