

BLIZZARD BAG ASSIGNMENTS
COPLEY-FAIRLAWN MIDDLE SCHOOL GENERAL MUSIC

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Blizzard Bag #1
Louis Armstrong – Multiple Choice Exercise

Armstrong was born in 1901 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He died in 1971. He excelled in singing and playing the trumpet / cornet. He was one of the first true jazz improvisers, and was known for his deep, gravelly voice. He was also known for creating a style of music called 'scat' when he dropped his music during a recording session and improvised the words using nonsense syllables. He received the nickname 'Satchmo' because of his big cheeks and smile.

When he was a young boy, he was sent to reform school for shooting a gun. While he was in reform school, he learned to play the trumpet in the band. When he was released, he joined the band of his favorite trumpeter, Joe 'King' Oliver. Armstrong later formed his own bands, including the Hot Five and the Hot Seven. One of his most famous songs was 'What A Wonderful World.'

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. Armstrong had the nickname '_____', which was short for satchel mouth, because of his big cheeks and smile.
 - A. Bird
 - B. Satchmo
 - C. Dizzy

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2. One of the most famous songs Armstrong performed was.....
 - A. Chameleon
 - B. What A Wonderful World
 - C. Freddie the Freeloader
3. What was the name of one of Armstrong's bands in the early 1920's?
 - A. The Hot Five
 - B. The Chili Peppers
 - C. The Bebops
4. When Armstrong was a teen, he was sent to
 - A. a military school to complete high school
 - B. reform school for shooting a gun in public
 - C. another country to learn to play the trumpet
5. Where was Louis Armstrong born?
 - A. New Orleans
 - B. Birmingham
 - C. Chicago
 - D. Atlanta
6. Where did Armstrong first learn to play the cornet?
 - A. With trumpeter Joe 'King' Oliver
 - B. At home
 - C. In reform school
7. When Armstrong was released from Reform School, he joined _____'s band.
 - A. Miles Davis
 - B. Joe 'King' Oliver
 - C. John 'Dizzy' Gillespie
8. What were Armstrong's major instruments?
 - A. flute, clarinet
 - B. saxophone, trombone
 - C. trumpet, vocals
9. Armstrong was known as the first true improviser of jazz music and was also known for his
 - A. Deep, gravelly voice
 - B. Expertise in saxophone technique
 - C. Smooth, soft voice
10. Armstrong dropped his music during a recording session and started singing an improvised series of 'nonsense syllables' that became known as what type of singing?
 - A. Ballad
 - B. Scat
 - C. Bop