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## Beat Drop: Intro to Music Appreciation for 9th Grade

Demonstrate foundational recall of musical elements like timbre and tempo while identifying historical snapshots and basic compositional structures.

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**1. Which term describes the specific quality or 'color' of a sound that allows a listener to distinguish a trumpet from a flute playing the same note?**

- A. Pitch
- B. Timbre
- C. Duration
- D. Melody

**2. In a standard Four-Four (4/4) time signature, there are four beats per measure and the quarter note receives one beat.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. The gradual increase in volume within a musical phrase is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Decrescendo
- B. Staccato
- C. Crescendo
- D. Legato

**4. Which musical era, known for its emphasis on balance and clarity, featured composers like Joseph Haydn and centered around the development of the symphony?**

- A. Renaissance
- B. Classical
- C. Romantic
- D. Medieval

**5. Monophonic texture refers to a musical piece with many independent, overlapping melody lines happening at once.**

- A. True
- B. False

**6. In modern popular music, the section that usually contains the main 'hook' and is repeated multiple times is called the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Bridge
- B. Intro
- C. Chorus
- D. Outro

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**7. Which of these instruments typically belongs to the woodwind family despite being made primarily of metal in modern times?**

- A. Trumpet
- B. Violin
- C. Saxophone
- D. Timpani

**8. Tempo refers to the speed at which a piece of music is played.**

- A. True
- B. False

**9. Claude Debussy was a key figure in the \_\_\_\_\_ movement, which focused on atmosphere and mood rather than strong direct melodies.**

- A. Baroque
- B. Expressionist
- C. Impressionist
- D. Minimalist

**10. A solo vocal piece in an opera that expresses a character's inner feelings and showcases the singer's talent is called an:**

- A. Aria
- B. Overture
- C. Recitative
- D. Libretto