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THE HISTORY OF JAZZ DANCE DANCE I & II WORKSHEET

Work ON YOUR OWN to complete this worksheet. The finished document will be stored and evaluated in your online student folder (30 points.) **YES, YOU MUST USE COMPLETE SENTENCES WHEN ANSWERING ALL QUESTIONS.** Please be thorough!

Refer to the website below and use the information to answer the questions. This website provides a nice framework of information regarding the history of Jazz dance, but you may need to do some additional web research to complete the questions. You will also need to read and reference the hand out. *When you are finished with this worksheet*, go to the “videos” link and watch the 3 posted performances. This will show you a variety of Jazz dance styles:

<http://www.jazz-dance.us/our-history/history-of-jazz-dance/>

1. Which two cultures are noted for contributing to the birth of Jazz dance? List each culture and **DESCRIBE TWO** specific contributions for each: (6 pts)

#1 _____
Contribution 1)

Contribution 2)

#2 _____
Contribution 1)

Contribution 2)

2. **EXPLAIN** what Vaudeville is and how it contributed to the growth and popularity of Jazz dance? (5 pts)

3. In your own words, **DESCRIBE** what Jazz dance is. Reflect on the styles and technique we've studied in class thus far and describe specific examples of how this relates to what you've read in these articles. (5 pts)

4. Compare your own personal dance or movement experience to what you know of the Jazz dance style so far, and describe: (3 pts)

* *“Personal movement experience” could be: prior experiences in Dance I or studio training, theatre, athletics, clubs, martial arts, etc.*

1) How are these movement styles similar? (Be **SPECIFIC**)

2) How are these movement styles different?

3) How can elements of technique from one movement style be used to improve the other?

5. Place the following in their historical order: (6 pts)

- a) African slave trade and preservation/introduction of tribal dances
- b) Court dances and music from Europe
- c) Jazz hits Broadway and the musical theater circuit
- d) Vaudeville
- e) Jazz becomes a codified technique available in studios
- f) Jazz inspired music videos and blends with hip-hop techniques

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

6. Given what you've read today in addition to your own personal experience, what are you most curious about regarding the style and history of Jazz dance? What skills and/or goals would you most like to attain? (5 pts)

DONE! NOW WATCH THE JAZZ DANCE VIDEOS!