



Blues Study Unit

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Chapter 5 & 6 – Delta & Classic Blues: The Early Years

Important Terms & Names

1) What was the geographical birthplace of the blues?

2) What African-American composer popularized the sound of the blues, earning the title “Father of the Blues”?

3) How was the “classic” blues different from authentic “delta” or “rural” blues?

4) What is often referred to as the first composed and published blues song?

5) Where geographically was “classic” blues most popular?

6) What early female blues singer was called the “Empress of the Blues”?

7) What early delta bluesman supposedly sold his soul to the devil in exchange for his musical abilities?

8) What impact did early blues artists like Robert Johnson, Charlie Patton and Son House have on early British rock ‘n’ roll?

9) What early delta bluesman is often called “King of the Delta Blues”?