

1. Of the following dancers, who is one of the best known modern dancer/choreographer?

- a. George Balanchine
- b. Martha Graham
- c. Cynthia Gregory
- d. Peter Martins

2. Ted Shawn and Ruth St. Denis formed which modern dance company, popular in the 20th century?

- a. Alvin Ailey
- b. MOMIX
- c. Pilobolus
- d. Denishawn

3. Modern dance in the 1930's was also known as

- a. experimental dancing
- b. ballet noir
- c. the jitterbug
- d. classical ballet

4. The young dancers who studied and danced with Isadora Duncan in the 1920's were known as

- a. the Jivers
- b. the Baby Ballerinas
- c. the modern dancers
- d. the Isadorables

5. Which of the following terms are not related to modern dance?

- a. contact improvisation
- b. Vaganova technique
- c. fall and recovery
- d. contract and release

6. The choreography of modern dancer Alvin Ailey is centered around which cultural heritage?

- a. Scottish
- b. African-American
- c. Irish-Celtic
- d. Caribbean

7. Which dancer/choreographer is known for contemporary works and the Broadway musical "Movin' Out," with music by Billy Joel?

- a. Twyla Tharp
- b. Peter Martins
- c. Merce Cunningham
- d. Alvin Ailey

8. Which of the following companies is not a modern dance company?

- a. Merce Cunningham Dance Company
- b. Paul Taylor Dance Company
- c. Pilobolus
- d. Dance Theater of Harlem

# Modern Dance Quiz

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9. Which of the following dancers is not a modern dancer of the early 20th century?

- a. Martha Graham
- b. Hanya Holm
- c. Mikhail Baryshnikov
- d. Ted Shawn

10. The creative process that involves arranging and creating dances and ballets is called

- a. dance rehearsal
- b. movement assembly
- c. choreography
- d. movement implementation

11. A dance creation process involving spontaneous movements based on a particular idea is called

- a. imagery
- b. isolation
- c. improvisation
- d. inspiration

12. A form of dance that evolved during the 1960's and 1970's that questioned the traditional notions of classical modern dance is called

- a. contemporary ballet
- b. liturgical dance
- c. hip hop
- d. post modern dance

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Answers:

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| 1. b | 5. b | 9. c  |
| 2. d | 6. b | 10. c |
| 3. a | 7. a | 11. c |
| 4. d | 8. d | 12. d |