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Short Answers:

1. The blues can be considered a style of _____.
2. The tempos of blues pieces ranged from _____ to _____.
3. Who is known as the "Father of the Blues?" _____
4. How was the mood of most blues songs different from the mood of Dixieland jazz? _____
5. Name a scale used to create melancholy melodies. _____
6. About what year did blues first appear? _____

Listening ASSESSMENT**LESSON 4 Blues**

Title: "Back Water Blues" Composer: Bessie Smith

Performer: Bessie Smith and James P. Johnson

1. Identify the instruments you hear. (2) _____
2. James P. Johnson was one of the greatest _____ - _____ style pianists.
3. True or False: Bessie Smith's singing style included sliding to the pitch. _____
4. Determine the tempo and the meter. _____
5. Describe the mood of the song. _____
6. Name the style of this piece. _____

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