



UNIT 1 – THE ARTS AND THEIR INFLUENCE – CLASS 5 & 6

Our mini guide to Glastonbury

Pre-reading

Activity 1: Discuss

A. Have you been to a music festival? What was it? If not, would you like to go to one?

B. What do you think would be a good advice to someone who is going to an outdoor festival?

While-reading

Activity 2: Read the article and match these headings with the correct sections A-E. There are two extra headings.

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| 1. Tips | 5. Past festival artists |
| 2. A brief history | 6. What makes Glastonbury special? |
| 3. Other things to see and do at Glastonbury | 7. Glastonbury in numbers. |
| 4. The basics | |

Activity 3: Are these statements True (T) or False (F)? Write the letter of the section where you found the answer.

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| 1. Between 1970 and 2010 there were forty festival at Glastonbury. | T/F |
| 2. In the 1990's the festival became something more than just series of concerts. | T/F |
| 3. When there is a bad weather, it ruins the festival. | T/F |
| 4. The organizers of the festival don't take all the profits from the events themselves. | T/F |
| 5. The say the best way to get the most out of the festival is to not plan too much and just live each moment as it comes. | T/F |
| 6. The organizer recommend not bringing children. | T/F |

Post- reading

Activity 4: Match the words and definitions.

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| 1. Mud | _____ very soft wet soil. |
| 2. Headliner | _____ put in a dangerous position. |
| 3. Earplug | _____ The main performer at a show or festival. |
| 4. posed a threat to | _____ Small pieces of plastic and rubber you put in your ears to keep noise out. |
| 5. Programme | _____ a document that tells you what will happen in a performance or event. |

Activity 5: Watch the video "Glastonbury festival documentary" and complete the chart on page 3.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2bXzuB7sZw&t=41s>

GLASTONBURY

FESTIVAL of CONTEMPORARY PERFORMING ARTS

A. _____

The Glastonbury Festival (sometimes just abbreviated to Glasto) Takes place on the last weekend of June in the south west of England. It's an annual event, but every five years there is no festival. This is because the festival takes place on a working farm. The years when there is no festival is to help the fields recover and get back to normal. It's also to give the people who live near the farm a rest too, because the festival attracts over 100,000 people each year. In fact, Glastonbury is the largest outdoor music and performing art festival in the world.

B. _____

The festival began in 1970, which makes it one of the oldest rock festivals. It began as a hippie festival. Only 1,500 people attended the first festival. The festival continued but it was only in the 1990's that it became really massive. People came for the music, but also to spend a weekend in the country. Perhaps the most famous year of the festival was in 1997 when the rain turned the site into a mud bath! The headliners that year were the band Radiohead. As they sang 'Rain down, rain down. Come on rain down on me' the whole crowd sang along with them to make it one of the best and most memorable Glasto gigs ever.

C. _____

1,500 people attended the first festival in 1970

177,000 attended the festival in 2007

300,000 people tried to buy tickets in 2007

There are over **44** different stages where all sorts of acts perform during the festival

60 minutes is the time it takes to walk from one end of the farm to the other, if there's no rain and the site isn't muddy!

£185 was the price of a ticket to the festivals in 2010

£1 was the price of a ticket to the festival in 1970

Over **£500,000** from Glastonbury ticket sales goes to Greenpeace, Oxfam, WaterAid and other charities

Approximately **70,000** tents go up on the festival site.

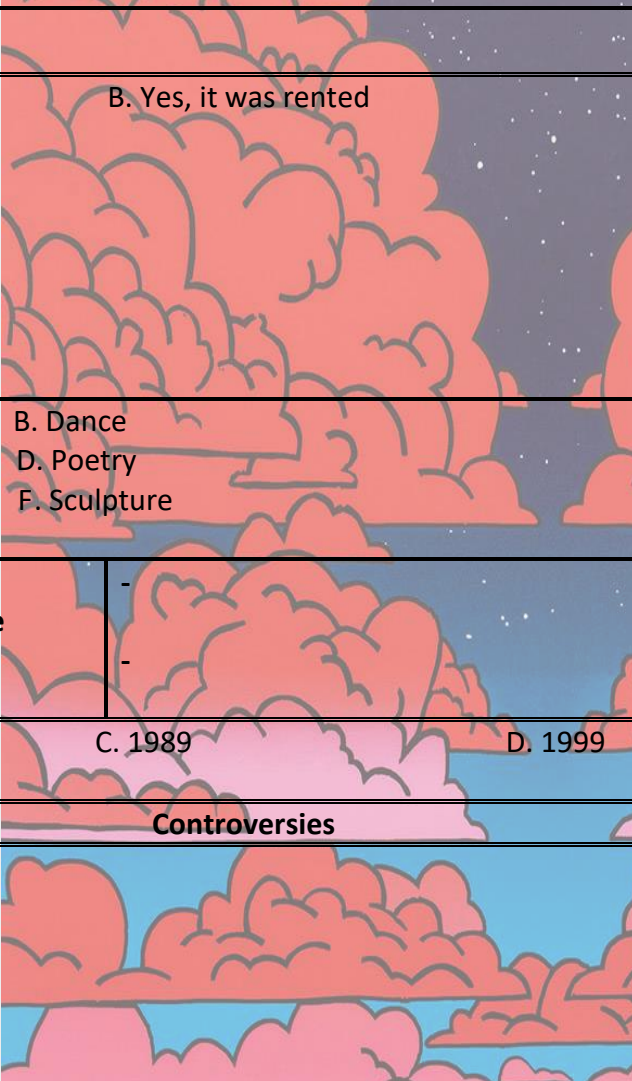
D. _____

1) Take earplugs! Ok, you're going to the festival because you want to hear music but remember that the music is non-stop and there'll be moments when you'll need to give your ear a rest. You may even be able to sleep if you put your earplugs in. Maybe. 2) Don't take pets to Glastonbury. No animals are allowed onto the festival site. The ban on animals began because in early festivals large packs of dogs grouped together and posed a threat to festivalgoers. 3) Go to the festival by public transport. The organizers take the protection of environments very seriously. Coming by train, coach or bus instead of by car creates a lot less pollution. Fifty percent of all the rubbish from the festival is recycled. 4) Get a festival programme as soon as you arrive and plan your weekend carefully. There are lots of different things going on at the same time throughout the three days. Make sure you know when your favourite artists are playing and where, so that you don't miss them. 5) Don't leave anything valuable in your tent. It's impossible to make a tent safe from thieves.

E. _____

First, some of the biggest artists in the world have played gigs at Glastonbury: Kings of Leon, U2, Muse, Bruce Springsteen, Jay-Z, Coldplay, Arctic Monkeys... The acts cover all styles of music – classic rock, indie, folk, rap, world music. But it isn't just about the music. There are circus performers and theatrical works. You can eat food from all over the world. There are play areas for kids. For three days, the festival is like one big play area where you can make friends with people from all over the world.

Activity 5: Watch the video

1. Name the first organizer					
2. Was the site ever rented to make another festival?	A. No, it wasn't rented				B. Yes, it was rented
3. What was the concept of that festival?					
4. How was the festival better known back then in the 60's?					
5. What form of arts can be experience in this festival?	A. Music C. Painting E. Theater			B. Dance D. Poetry F. Sculpture	
6. How was this art festival capable to make charity?		7. Name some charities or organizations mentioned in the video.		- -	
7. What has been the biggest edition?	A. 1919				

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Personal questions_____

1. What effects do you think music festival has on people? (60 words)

2. What are the biggest outdoor music festival in your country? What do you know about them? (60 words)

