



Interleaf Demo

Read the following article carefully and answer the questions in short.

The Dance of Life: Understanding Tango in Argentina

[1] In the heart of South America lies a country known worldwide for its cultural richness - Argentina. One of the most treasured aspects of Argentinian culture is the appetizing Asado, the unrivalled beauty of Patagonia, and more prominently, the passionate dance form - Tango.

[2] Originating in the late 19th century in Buenos Aires, the nation's bustling capital, Tango was initially a dance of the lower classes. Drawing influences from African and European music, it emerged in the poor suburbs, called 'arrabales', where people danced to express their emotions.

[3] Over time, the popularity of Tango began to soar. This expressive and sensual dance form gradually garnered attention nationally and internationally. Today, it is considered one of the most romantic dances worldwide, a dance form expressing passion and connection, with lively music setting the tone.

[4] Every year, Argentina hosts the 'World Tango Dance Tournament.' This vibrant showcase of talent draws thousands of professional Tango dancers from all around the globe, all competing for the prestigious title of 'Tango World Champion'. This fascinating event offers a unique glimpse into the deeply entrenched tradition of Tango in Argentinian culture.

[5] Interestingly, Tango isn't just a dance for Argentinians; it's a way of life, a reflection of their fiery spirit, and an expression of their resilience. The dance's soaring popularity has led UNESCO to declare it part of the world's 'intangible cultural heritage'.

By Felipe Rodriguez

Answer the following questions based on the passage above.

1. Tango originated in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. T/F
2. UNESCO has declared Tango part of the world's 'intangible cultural heritage'. T/F

arrabales

/ɑːrə'baːleɪz/ noun

3. In the sentence, "it emerged in the poor suburbs, called 'arrabales', where people danced to express their emotions," what does 'arrabales' mean?

I. a place for relaxation and leisure

People often visit the park, a popular arrabales in the city.

II. a central business district

The arrabales in the city is bustling with people and cars.

III. poor suburbs or slums

The city has an arrabales where the less fortunate live.

IV. a place for formal events and gatherings

The grand hall is the city's arrabales for formal events.

A. I

B. II

C. III

D. IV

4. In paragraph 1, What does 'prominently' mean in 'One of the most treasured aspects of Argentinian culture is the appetizing Asado, the unrivalled beauty of Patagonia, and more prominently, the passionate dance form - Tango.'?

A. noticeably; in a way that attracts attention

B. hidden; in a way that is not noticeable

C. secretly; in a way that is not known by many

D. rarely; in a way that is not common

5. What does the term 'intangible cultural heritage' mean as used in the passage?

6. Where did Tango originally emerge?

7. Explain how the Tango dance is a reflection of Argentinian culture as described in the passage.

8. Based on the information in the passage, why do you think Tango is considered one of the most romantic dances worldwide?

Complete the summary from paragraph 2 by fill in the blank(s) with words that are NOT from the passage.

Tango, a dance form deeply rooted in Argentina's culture, was born during the late 19th century in the capital, Buenos Aires. Initially, it was a dance of the lower classes, emerging in the poorer suburbs or 'arrabales'. The dance combined elements from African and European music and served as a medium for people to convey their emotions. This dance allowed them to express their emotions (1)_____ of passion and resilience. They were (2)_____ for a way to convey their feelings and found it through this expressive dance form.