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Elvis Presley: The King of Rock 'n' Roll

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Elvis Presley's early exposure to gospel, blues, and country music in the South influenced his musical style and laid the foundation for rock 'n' roll. Describe how elements of these musical genres can be heard in his early recordings and why they resonated with audiences.
2. Elvis's appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" in 1956 was a turning point in his career. Discuss the significance of this television appearance and its role in catapulting him to stardom.
3. Elvis Presley made a successful comeback after his military service. Explain how he managed to regain his popularity and describe some of the notable songs from this period.
4. Elvis's live performances, such as the 1968 "Comeback Special" and his Las Vegas residency, are celebrated as legendary. Discuss the impact of these live shows on his career and his connection with fans during these performances.

