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Eric Clapton: The Guitar Legend

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Eric Clapton was deeply influenced by blues music and its pioneers. Discuss how his early exposure to blues artists like Robert Johnson and B.B. King shaped his guitar playing and musical style.
2. Cream, the band co-founded by Eric Clapton, was known for its groundbreaking sound. Explore the impact of Cream on the rock music scene and mention some of their iconic songs.
3. Eric Clapton's song "Tears in Heaven" was written in response to a personal tragedy. Describe the circumstances surrounding the creation of this song and its emotional significance.
4. Eric Clapton's use of the Fender Stratocaster guitar and his "woman tone" are synonymous with his playing style. Explain how these elements contribute to the unique sound and character of his guitar playing.
5. Eric Clapton's philanthropic efforts, including the founding of the Crossroads Centre, have made a significant impact. Discuss his contributions to addiction recovery and the importance of musicians using their influence for social causes.

