***CULTURAL AND CREATIVE ART FOR JSS1***

***TOPIC: CONTEMPORARY DANCE***

Contemporary dance is a style of expressive dance that is a clear departure from the ballet and traditional dance styles, but draws inspiration from them.

The term 'contemporary' is somewhat misleading. It described a style of dance that developed during the mid-20th century and is still very popular today.

Unlike the strict, structured nature of ballet, contemporary dance stresses versatility and improvisation. Contemporary dancers focus on floor work. This dance is often done on bare feet. It can be performed to many different styles of music.

Pioneers of contemporary dance include Isadora Duncan, Martha Graham and Merce Cunningham. These people broke the rules of the strict forms of ballet. They believed that dancers should have freedom of movement and allowing their bodies to freely express their innermost feelings.

Merce Cunningham is often spoken of as the father of contemporary dance.

***FEATURES OF CONTEMPORARY DANCE***

\*It has individual style.

\*It gives room for creativity.

\*It does not have fixed movement.

Assignment:

1. Define contemporary dance.

2. What are the features of contemporary dance?

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