



DISCUSSION GUIDE

- 1.** Questlove talks about music being timeless.
Can you think of a song that's older that's stood the test of time?
 - a. Why do you think it has kept its popularity over the years?
 - b. What makes a song timeless?

- 2.** What is it called when a producer takes a piece of an old song and uses it in their song? (a Sample)
 - a. Can you think of any songs you like that use samples?

- 3.** Questlove ties historical moments in culture to the music of the time. Can you think of a song that takes you back to a moment in time?
 - a. What about the song makes you remember the past?

- 4.** Music can influence your mood. What types of music do you like to listen to get in a good mood? Out of a bad mood?
 - a. Why do you think these genres can change your mood?

- 5.** Questlove talks a lot about the intersection of music and film in the 1970's.
Do you have a favorite soundtrack?
 - a. Why is it your favorite? Is it the movie or the music?

- 6.** Questlove chooses to write about the connection between music and history while also sharing some of his own personal stories rather than just a traditional nonfiction book.
 - a. Why do you think he made this choice?

- 7.** If you were cataloging your life through music like Questlove did, what is one song you would choose to include and why?

- 8.** When discussing 1973 and protest songs, Questlove asks "Can music truly change minds?"
 - a. How would you answer that question?
 - b. Can you think of a specific song you believe has the power to change minds?

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