



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?