

# Soul

## Musical Styles Through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- 1960s soul music is a style of Black American music that originated in the southern US.
- Memphis is said to be the birthplace of soul and Aretha Franklin is known as the 'Queen of Soul' music.
- Soul music was similar in style to rhythm and blues – the main difference being that there are gospel influences in soul (including call and response phrases) and lyrics are often spiritual in theme.
- As well as its gospel influence, soul had lyrical melodies, a strong rhythm and large horn sections including saxophones, trombones and trumpets.
- It has led to many other genres including Motown, psychedelic soul and hyper soul – a combination of soul music and dance music used by artists such as Whitney Houston.

### Notable Artists

The Four Tops  
Otis Redding  
Marvin Gaye  
Amy Winehouse  
Aretha Franklin



# Jazz

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- 🎵 Jazz music originated during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries in the Black communities in New Orleans.
- 🎵 There are many different jazz styles, including ragtime, swing, cool jazz and bebop.
- 🎵 Instruments used include trumpets, pianos, trombones and saxophones.
- 🎵 In the 1970s, jazz was influenced by Latin jazz, mixing rhythms from Latin and African countries. Instruments such as the güiro and claves were introduced.
- 🎵 Jazz became less popular in the 1980s, however, there are many popular jazz musicians today including Gregory Porter and Norah Jones.
- 🎵 Many jazz musicians include improvisation in their performances. This means that they make-up sections of the music on the spot.

### Notable Artists

Duke Ellington  
Billie Holiday  
Charlie Parker  
John Coltrane  
Ella Fitzgerald  
Django Reinhardt  
Julie London



# Hip-Hop

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Hip-hop began in America in the 1970s.

This musical style emerged in New York, where block parties became protest events. The parties would take place outside and would feature an MC (master of ceremonies) who would speak about political issues in the communities.

It includes programmed beats, rapping and samples. A sample is a short, recorded sound often played back in a sequence from an electronic device called a 'sampler' or a 'drum machine'.

The rapping element could be traced back to Africa where, centuries ago, people told stories rhythmically over the beats of drums.

DJs (disc jockeys) would often use two turntables to mix the sounds of two records, often repeating a rhythm again and again.

Hip-Hop has now become one of the most popular genres of music in the world, often featuring rapping from many different languages and influences from many walks of life.

### Notable Artists

Dr Dre  
Lauryn Hill  
Tupac  
Drake  
Kesha  
Iggy Azalea  
Africa Bambaataa



# Pop

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- Pop is short for 'popular' and refers to songs that appeal to wide audiences at their release, instead of a particular group.
- As such, the sound of pop music can vary from decade to decade – it is a continuously evolving genre, having been influenced by many other genres throughout its history.
- The main influences on pop music through the 20<sup>th</sup> century were:
  - 1920s – 1940s – jazz, blues and R & B
  - 1950s – 1960s – rock'n'roll
  - 1970s – 1980s – funk, disco and stadium rock
  - 1990s – 2000s – hip-hop, grunge and rock
- Pop songs usually feature danceable rhythms, simple melodies and follow a traditional verse/chorus structure. The chorus, in particular, features a catchy tune and memorable lyrics.
- In the 1960s, the UK charts became official, listing the top selling songs of the week.
- Garth Brooks was the first artist to receive seven Diamond records. A Diamond record is 10 million records sold.

### Notable Artists

Michael Jackson  
Lady Gaga  
David Bowie  
Queen  
The Spice Girls





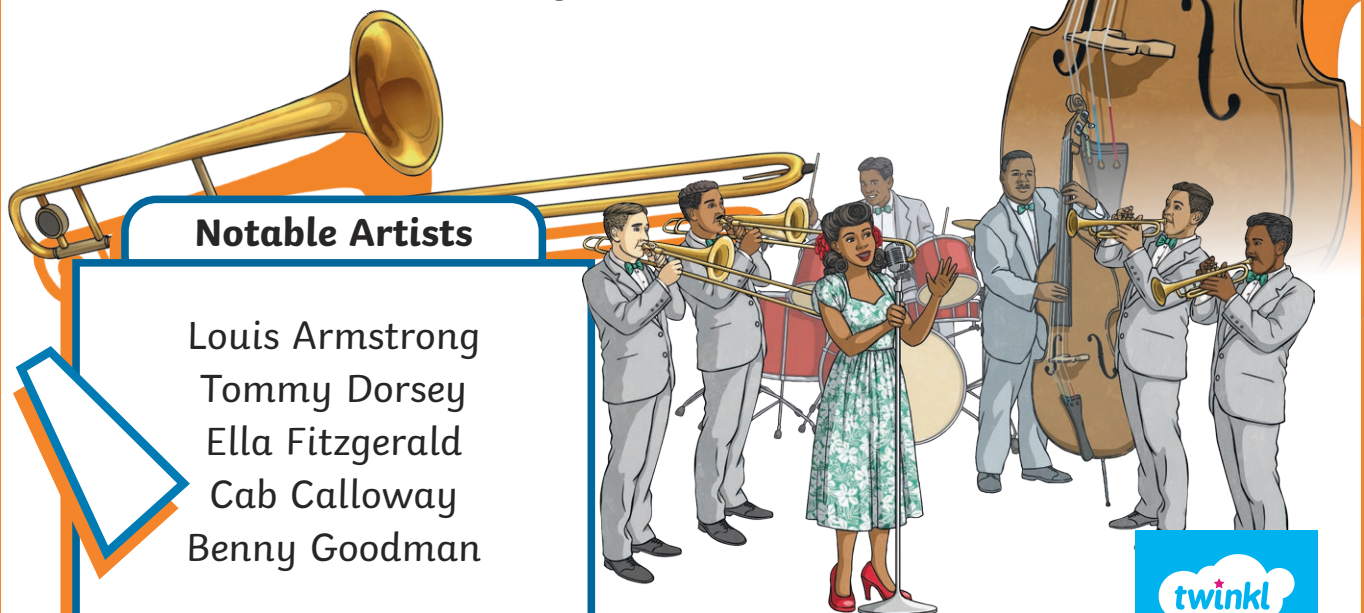
# Big Band and Swing

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- Swing began in the late 1920s but it was between 1935 and 1946 when big band swing music became the most popular music in America, also known as the Swing Era.
- A typical song played in swing style would include a strong rhythm accompanied by wind, string or brass instruments, as well as vocals. Many performances included improvised solos where a singer or an instrumentalist would make-up a section of the music on the spot.
- Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington are two of the most famous big band leaders from this time.
- By the late 1940s, this type of music was less popular.
- It had a revival in the late 1950s and 1960s when singers, such as Frank Sinatra, sang with swing bands. Modern artists, such as Robbie Williams and Michael Buble' still perform and make records with big bands.

### Notable Artists

Louis Armstrong  
Tommy Dorsey  
Ella Fitzgerald  
Cab Calloway  
Benny Goodman



# Indie

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The term 'indie' was initially short for 'independent' Music.



Indie originally described music created by small or low budget bands and record labels. This music was not created for a mainstream audience and so musicians were able to experiment with sounds and styles more freely.



The term 'indie' is often used to refer to many types of alternative music. There are several genres which could fall into the indie classification, such as shoegaze, noise rock, pop punk and synthpop.



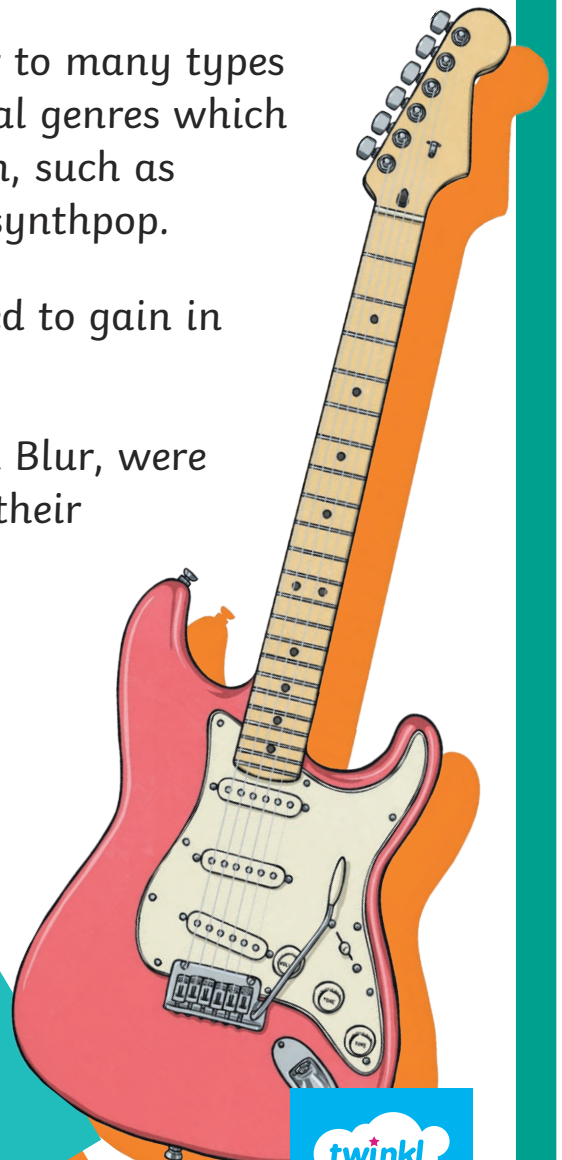
In the 90s, independent music started to gain in popularity.



Hugely popular UK bands, Oasis and Blur, were often referred to as indie because of their diverse range of musical influences. However, they were far from being independent or low budget.

### Notable Artists

Bloc Party  
The Smiths  
Sonic Youth  
Pixies  
Oasis  
Cat Power



# Funk

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- ✦ Funk music was popular in the late 1960s and 1970s with performers such as James Brown and Kool & The Gang and Bootsy Collins.
- ✦ Funk originated as a result of Black American musicians combining soul, jazz and rhythm and blues with a focus on danceability.
- ✦ Funk bands often include electric guitars, an electric bass and a drum kit.
- ✦ Funk was influenced by soul music and would sometimes include a horn section of saxophones and/or trumpets.
- ✦ Funk bands typically wore shiny and highly patterned clothing on stage. A classic example can include bell-bottom pants and platform shoes.

### Notable Artists

George Clinton  
Sly and Family Stone  
Rick James  
Cameo  
Prince  
Chaka Khan



# Rock'n'roll

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- Rock'n'roll is a popular music style which came from America during the late 1940s and early 1950s.
- It emerged as a result of Black American musical styles such as blues, boogie, ragtime and gospel music.
- In the early 1940s, the saxophone or piano were often the lead instrument but this was replaced with the guitar in the 50s.
- To create the classic rock and roll sound bands might use one or two electric guitars, a drum kit and a bass instrument such as an electric bass or a double bass.
- A very popular rock'n'roll hit was 'Rock Around The Clock' by Bill Haley & His Comets.
- Another famous musician from this era was Elvis Presley who was known by many as the 'King of Rock and Roll'. He had many hits, such as 'Heartbreak Hotel' and 'Blue Suede Shoes'.

### Notable Artists

Bo Diddley  
Buddy Holly  
Chuck Berry  
Fats Domino  
Little Richard





# Contemporary R'n'B

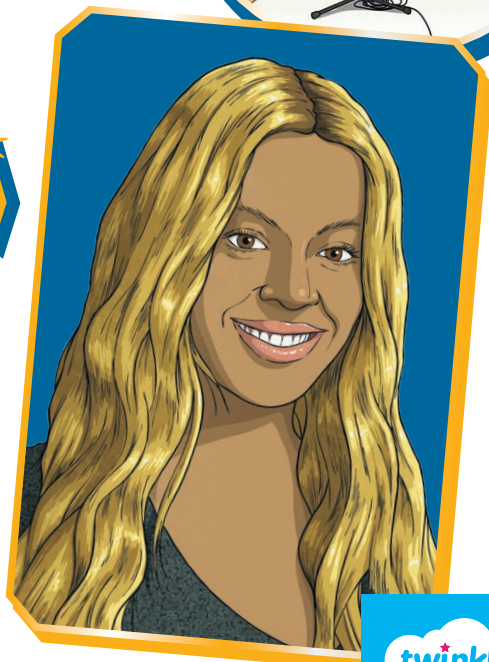
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- Contemporary R & B began in America during the late 1980s with artists such as Whitney Houston and Janet Jackson.
- Contemporary R 'n' B shouldn't be confused with earlier R&B (rhythm and blues) – Black American music which began in the 1940's combining jazz and blues.
- This kind of R 'n' B music mixes elements of hip-hop and soul music.
- It often features several vocal tracks, layered together to create a rich quality of sound.
- R'n'B artists are often known for their use of melisma – or vocal run – a term used to describe singing a single syllable of a word while moving between several different notes. Mariah Carey is especially known for this.



### Notable Artists

Destiny's Child  
TLC  
Mary J. Blige  
D'Angelo  
Boyz II Men  
Beyoncé



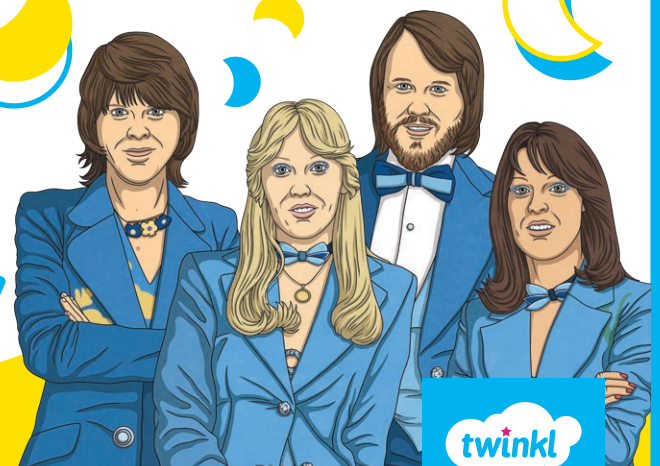
# Disco

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- Disco was a style of dance music that became very popular during the 1970s.
- A beat-heavy style of popular music, you can really boogie on down to disco songs on the dance floor.
- Disco music is often up-tempo and includes elements of soul, funk and Latin music. It usually has electronic effects in it too.
- Its name comes from the word 'discotheque', which was the name of the dance themed nightclubs that were popular in the 1960s.
- In 1977, the 'Saturday Night Fever' film soundtrack made disco incredibly popular and inspired artists of other genres to attempt disco, including The Rolling Stones and Rod Stewart.
- Famous hits of this decade include 'Dancing Queen' (Abba) and 'Stayin' Alive' (The Bee Gees).

### Notable Artists

Abba  
The Bee Gees  
Chic  
Gloria Gaynor  
Donna Summer



# Reggae

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- ✦ Reggae music originated in Jamaica and became popular in the late 1960s.
- ✦ Before becoming the name of a genre, the term 'reggae' is said by some to have meant ragged clothing or a quarrel, a row.
- ✦ The distinct 'reggae' style features syncopated (off-beat) chords and percussion styles, such as the 'one drop rhythm' where the snare and kick drums sound together on the third beat.
- ✦ Other instruments popular in reggae music include saxophones, brass instruments, electric guitars, bass and backing singers.
- ✦ Bob Marley is considered one of the pioneers of reggae.
- ✦ Reggae songs are often about love, religion and social issues.

### Notable Artists

Jimmy Cliff  
Toots Hibbert  
Peter Tosh  
Gregory Issacs  
Marcia Griffiths  
Bob Marley  
UB40



# Classical

## Musical Styles Through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- Classical music can be described as orchestral works, chamber music, solo instrumental works, electronic music, choral music, songs, operas, ballets, concertos and symphonies.
- 20<sup>th</sup> century classical music refers to music composed in a classical style between 1901 and 2000.
- Classical music from the 20<sup>th</sup> century is enormously varied.
- Pieces would vary greatly in style and length – in many lengthier compositions, short melodies are used repeatedly and evolve over the course of the piece.
- Instruments often used include grand pianos, string instruments, such as violins and cellos, and, in many cases, full size orchestras.
- Romantic, neoclassicism and jazz influenced classical composition are all styles of 20<sup>th</sup> century classical music.
- Impressionism, modernism, expressionism, postmodernism and minimalism were notable movements in classical music during 1901 – 2000.

### Notable Composers

John Cage  
Sofia Gubaidulina  
Steve Reich  
Eric Satie  
Igor Stravinsky  
Claude Debussy  
Florence Price





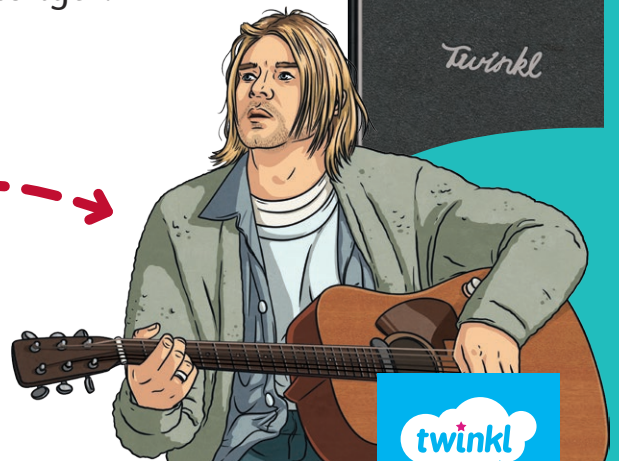
# Rock

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- Rock music is a genre that often features guitar, bass, drums and keyboard sounds.
- The electric guitars in rock are often heavily amplified – creating a distorted sound that is rich in harmonics.
- Rock music often contains complicated guitar solos and catchy 'riffs'. A riff is a repeated pattern of notes or chords that form the basis of a song.
- A solid backbeat created by the drums and bass is a common feature.
- Rock bands often have a lead vocalist, with other band members providing backing vocals.
- In the 1970s, hard rock bands, such as Queen, Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath were at their height of international fame.
- Other subgenres of rock music emerging in the 20<sup>th</sup> century include: country rock, grunge, progressive rock, new wave, punk rock, post punk and heavy metal but this list could be much longer.

### Notable Artists

Bob Dylan  
Lynyrd Skynyrd  
Nirvana  
Electric Light Orchestra  
Ramones  
Deaf Leppard



# Country

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- Country music (sometimes called 'country and western') is a style of American popular music that originated in rural areas in the south and west regions of USA in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- Country music's roots come from the popular songs of the early British and Irish settlers in the USA.
- The first recorded country music hit song featuring vocals and lyrics came in 1923 and was by Fiddlin' John Carson.
- The genre was originally associated with the southern American states.
- The growth of country music owes a lot to radio. The 1920s saw several radio stations appear in larger Southern and Midwestern cities and these stations hosted country music shows.
- Following the Second World War, country music became popular in all areas of the USA. A singer called Hank Williams became very famous and helped establish the city of Nashville as the centre of country music.
- Songs traditionally discuss realistic aspects of working-class American life.
- Despite embracing other popular genres of music, such as pop, country music has retained its identity as one of the few truly original American musical styles.

### Notable Artists

Jimmie Rodgers  
Johnny Cash  
Dolly Parton

Taylor Swift  
Mickey Guyton  
Jimmie Allen

