

## Exploring the topic

# MUSIC PAST AND PRESENT



## ROCK

In 1962, Mick Jagger and three others formed The Rolling Stones. They changed the sounds of the pop bands of the early 1960s and created rock music. They were the first famous rock band.

Bands like U2 helped to create the sounds of modern rock music. They tried new sounds with hard rock music from the 1960s and created modern rock.



## RAP

Pharrell Williams is a famous rapper, but rap started when Williams was very young. The Fatback Band recorded the first rap song in 1979, when Williams was six years old! He released his first album, *In My Mind*, in 2006. He records lots of songs, including songs for movies, and his music tops the chart in many countries.



## Reading

- 1 Read and listen to the article. Complete the chart.

| Music style | Modern band / singer | Legendary band / singer |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| rock        | U2                   |                         |
|             | Pharrell Williams    |                         |
|             |                      | Aretha Franklin         |

- 2 Read again. Match the sentence halves.

- The Rolling Stones became d.
- U2 helped .....
- Rap started .....
- Pharrell Williams was six years old .....
- Alicia Keys performed .....
- Aretha Franklin was .....
  - in 1979.
  - "The Queen of Soul".
  - when rap started.
  - the first famous rock band.
  - a soul and rap song.
  - to create a new kind of rock music.

## SOUL

"The Queen of Soul" was Aretha Franklin. She influenced many of today's soul singers.

Alicia Keys is a soul singer, but sometimes she mixes different kinds of music with soul. For example, she performed *Empire State of Mind* with Jay-Z. It was a mix of soul and rap.



- 3 Are the sentences True or False? Correct the false sentences.

- The Rolling Stones was a pop band in the 1960s. T/F  
The Rolling Stones was a rock band in the 1960s
- The Rolling Stones created rock music from pop music. T/F
- Pharrell Williams recorded the first rap song. T/F
- Alicia Keys used rock and pop music in her song with Jay-Z. T/F