

THE ROCK AND ROLL

Read the text about Rock and Roll and complete the table below.

Rock and Roll is a form of music that started in the United States around 1950. The origins of rock and roll came from a mix of various popular musical genres of the time. These included gospel, folk music and blues. The classic instruments are: an electric guitar, a bass guitar and a drum kit.

The beat is a pulse of sound that marks the rhythm of the music. It is based on the boogie woogie blues rhythm and it has a strong backbeat played by the drums. Rock and roll wasn't simply a musical style. It influenced lifestyles, fashion, attitudes and language. New forms of music were born from it like soft rock and pop among many others.

Date origins	
Place origins	
Typical instruments	
Styles origins	
Derivative form	

Listen to one of the first Rock and Roll songs in history. It's called "Rock around the clock". It was recorded in 1956.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5fsqYctXgM>

- Have you ever heard this song?
- What is the name of the band?

Not all music is Rock and Roll

Listen to the three music clips, read the definitions and select the correct music genre.



➤ It is the traditional and typically anonymous music.

➤ It is an expression of the life of people in a community, nation or region.

➤ It spread about or passed down orally, often with considerable variation.

➤ It is an American musical art form.

➤ It started around the beginning of the 20th century in African American communities in the Southern United States.

➤ It is a combination of African and European music traditions.

➤ Some of the characteristics of this style are: blue notes, call-and-response, improvisation, polyrhythm and syncopation.

➤ It is a Spanish musical genre.

➤ It has strong, rhythmic undertones.

➤ It is often accompanied with a similarly impassioned style of dance. This genre is a complex musical and cultural tradition.

➤ Although considered part of the culture of Spain in general, actually it originates from one region: Andalusia.



➤ It is a genre of popular music originating in the 1950s; a blend of black rhythm-and-blues with white country-and-western.

➤ It is performed by a band with an electric guitar, bass guitar and a drum kit.

➤ This form of music evolved in the United States and quickly spread to the rest of the world.

➤ It is a traditional music genre.

➤ It extended from the Middle Ages to present times and the best period was between 1550 and 1900.

➤ Its system of staff notation has been in use since about the 16th century. Beethoven, Mozart, Tchaikovsky were some brilliant composers.

➤ It is a drama set to music.

➤ It consists of singing with orchestral accompaniment.

➤ It includes an orchestral overture and interludes.