



Nic plays in a blues band. Blues is a form of music that started in southern America around the 1870s with the end of slavery. Mainly created by African-Americans using their music from Africa, work songs, field hollers, shouts, chants and spiritual songs. It is characterised by its call and response pattern and the blues scale with the 12 bar blues being the most common chord progression.

Early blues consisted of a single line repeated four times - AAAA but more common today is the AAB pattern where one line is repeated twice followed by a longer 3rd line. It often takes the form of loose story telling commonly about racial discrimination and other challenges facing African-Americans.

The most famous blues composer and musician was the Father of Blues William Christopher (W.C.) Handy. His 2 most famous songs are Memphis Blues and St. Louis Blues. Other modern examples include Hound Dog by Elvis Presley, Tutti Frutti by Little Richard and Give Me One Reason by Tracey Chapman.

When did blues music start?

What influenced the songs?

What is different about blues music to other music?

Who was the Father of Blues?

Name 1 modern blues singer?

