

Genre of the Month – Rock

What is Rock Music?

Rock Music started in the 1960s in the UK and USA. Originating as Rock n Roll in the 1950s, it has since developed into a range of styles including hard rock, glam rock, and grunge. Rock music is related to a number of other genres such as blues and folk, whilst drawing influences from other genres such as jazz, classical and folk.

It was often seen as an expression of youth revolt against adult consumerism and conformity, testing the boundaries between social normality. As such it helped cultural and social movements that led to large sub-cultures such as ‘mods’, ‘rockers’, and ‘hippies’.

How do I recognise Rock music?

Every song is different, but the below elements are typical of many Rock songs:

- Heavily-amplified guitar with frequent solos
- Bass guitar
- Drums
- Keyboard sounds
- Often male vocals (in the 1970s and 1980s) with backing vocals from other band members
- Sometimes distortion of the sound
- A heavy backbeat
- 4/4 time signature
- Verse/chorus form

Which Rock Musicians should I research?

- Led Zeppelin
- Bruce Springsteen
- Bon Jovi
- Bryan Adams
- Toto
- Guns and Roses
- Rolling Stones
- U2
- Foo Fighters

How do I listen to these musicians?

Follow the below playlist link to listen to the artists on Spotify. You will need to set up a free account if you don't already have one/or premium account to remove all adverts:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/1oBUZoYMfR6pOn4wL8xuOQ?si=7yoUDsyPTkyX4ghfizNQyA>

Embed Code for Spotify playlist if able to put on website:

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height="380" frameborder="0" allowtransparency="true" allow="encrypted-media"></iframe>
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