

Music Styles

OK guys...here it is....Your research results for the styles of music which we have been investigating. Good work!!!

Bluegrass

Description: acoustic, fast paced, upbeat mixture of country, gospel, and blues.

Origin: US, mid 1940's

Artists: Earl Scruggs, Bill Monroe, Riki Skaggs

Instruments: Banjo, Fiddle, mandolin, guitar, dobro, ukeleles, harmonicas, and dulcimers

Blues

Description: an emotional, vocal music based on "blues notes"

Origin: Southern states of USA, late 1890's

Artists: BB King, Muddy Waters, Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton

Instruments: Guitar, harmonica(blues harp), bass guitar, drums, saxophone, trumpet

Celtic Rock

Description: mixture of celtic or folk with rock, resulting in fast, driving, upbeat tempo

Origin: Ireland and Scotland, 1970's.

Artists: Dropkick Murphy's, Flogging Molly, The Killdares

Instruments: bagpipes, distorted guitar, drums, fiddle, tin whistle, accordion

Christian Rock

Description: style which resembles rock music with a focus on spiritual lyrics

Origin: USA, 1960's

Artists: Casting Crowns, Jeremy Camp, Stryper

Instruments: guitars, drums, bass, keyboards, vocals

Classical

Description: style which includes several sub genres, such as, opera, symphony, choral, vocal, and instrumental.

Origin: 9th century, Europe

Artists: Beethoven, Mozart, Tchaikovsky

Instruments: all orchestral instruments

Classic Rock

Description: hit rock songs from mid 60's to early 80's. Among best selling , and most popular recordings in the world.

Origins: USA, UK

Artists: The Beatles, TheWho, Pink Floyd

Instruments: Guitar, drums, keyboards, bass

Comedy Rock

Description: rock music with humorous lyrics

Origins: USA, 1980's

Artists: Weird Al Yankovic, Adam Sandler, Arrogant Worms

Instruments: guitar, drums, bass, keyboards, vocals

Country

Description: popular style of music which blends several other popular styles of music such as, blues, gospel, folk, and rock.

Origins: southern USA

Artists: Elvis Presley, Tim McGraw, Taylor Swift

Instruments: guitars, drums, violins, bass, tambourine

Dance

Description: strong rhythmic beats used for dancing at dance clubs

Origins: Europe

Artists: Jessica Stutta, Shakira, Madonna

Instruments: electronic instruments such as, synthesizers, drum machines, sequencers

Emo

Description: Emotionally filled

Origin: Mid 1980's, Washington, D.C.

Instruments: guitar, drums, vocals, bass

Artists: Fall out boy, My Chemical Romance

Folk

Description: songs created to tell a story about an historical event, or a way of life. Emphasis is on words, rather than musicality.

Origins: All over the world

Artists: Bob Dylan, Rankin Family, Stan Rogers, Neil Young

Instruments: guitar, drums, piano, hand drum, accordion, fiddle, harmonica

Funk

Description: mixture of soul, jazz, and R&B

Origin: USA, 1960's

Artists: James Brown, The Funk Brothers, Bootsy Collins

Instruments: electric guitar, drums, electric bass, horn section, and organ

Gospel

Description: expresses personal belief about living a Christian life. Sung often in churches.

Origins: African Americans began the style in the southern states of USA

Artists: Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash

Instruments: piano, organ, guitar, drums

Grunge

Description: identified by heavy, distorted guitar and raw vocal quality. Inspired by punk, heavy metal and indie rock

Origins: Seattle, Washington, 1980's

Artists: Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Alice In Chains, Stone Temple Pilots

Instruments: guitar, drums, bass, vocals

Hip Hop

Description: very similar to rap, but usually has sung vocals, in addition to, or instead of spoken vocals

Origins: NYC, 1970's

Instruments: turn tables, bass, drum beats

Artists: Black Eyed Peas, Kanye West, Missy Elliot

Indie

Description: short for *Independent*, meaning bands which are not signed with a *major* record company. Pride themselves on having complete control over success in the music business.

Origin: early 1980's, UK and USA

Artists: Modest Mouse, The Shins

Jazz

Description: Similar to Blues music, but more refined, sophisticated, and smooth.

Origin: early 1900's, USA

Artists: Louis Armstrong, Diana Krall, Duke Ellington

Instruments: piano, drums, stand up bass, vocals, wind instruments, brass instruments

Metal

Description: heavily distorted electric guitar, intense vocals, and dark lyrics

Origin: USA, 1970's

Artists: Black Sabbath, Slipknot

Instruments: electric guitar, drums, bass, vocals

Pop

Description: simple, easy to play, top selling, most radio time, catchy and memorable

Origin: USA and UK in 1950's

Artists: Jonas Brothers, Cindy Lauper, Michael Jackson

Instruments: keyboards, synthesizers, guitar, drums, bass

Punk

Description: anti authority mindset, fast, driven tempo, simple harmonies

Origin: USA, UK, Australia, 1970's

Artists: Ramones, Sex Pistols

Instruments: Vocals, guitars, bass, drums

RAP

Description: music involving rhythmic speaking in rhyme over backing tracks

Origin: Bronx, NYC, early 70's

Artists: 2Pac, Eminem, Kanye West

Instruments: Bass, turn tables, voice, backing tracks

Reggae

Description: roots from soul music, but very unique rhythm, very relaxed

Origins: Jamaica, 1960's

Artists: Bob Marley, Shaggy

Instruments: bongo and conga drums, clean electric guitar, organ, vocals

Reggaeton

Description: similar to reggae, but faster with more emphasis on snare drum

Origin: Puerto Rico, Panama

Artists: Daddy Yankee, Candyman

Instruments: drum, bass, synthesizer

R&B

Description: short for Rhythm and blues. Combines, jazz, gospel, and blues

Origin: USA, 1940's

Artists: Aretha Franklin, Mary J. Blige, Stevie Wonder

Instruments: guitar, bass, keyboards, drums

Ska

Description: unique combination of Caribbean and Calypso with American Jazz and R&B.

Origin: Jamaica, 1950's

Artists: Reel Big Fish, Might Mighty Bosstones, No Doubt

Instruments: Guitar, bass, trumpets, trombones, saxophone, piano, drums, organ

Soft Rock

Description: also referred to as *light rock* or *easy rock*. Uses similar techniques of rock, but it is less aggressive. Lyrics are non-confrontational.

Origin: 1970's, as a reaction against heavy music that dominated rock at the time.

Artists: The Eagles, Three Day Night, Sting

Instruments: pianos, synthesizer, guitars, bass, vocals, drums

Techno

Description: sometimes referred to as dance music. Fast paced, electronic, driving rhythms.

Origin: 1980's, USA

Artists: John Acquaviva, Joey Beltram, Richie Hawtin

Instruments: synthesizer, keyboard, drum machine, sequencer

Trance

Description: electronic dance music, given its name due to the sometimes hypnotic effect of the drum beat.

Origin: 1990's from Belgium, Netherlands, and UK

Artists: Astrix, Rovers Fantasy

Instruments, Synthesizers, keyboard, drum machine, sequencer

