



The Style...

- *Early Rock and Roll used a piano or a saxophone as the leading instrument, but by the late 50s, it was the electric guitar. Rock musicians use lead guitars and rhythm guitars
- *Early Rock and Roll used a double bass but by the late 50s this became the bass guitar
- *There is usually a back beat in Rock and Roll music played on the snare drum. There is always a drum kit
- *Musicians use amplifiers and microphones
- *Rock and Roll music brought with it its own style. It influenced how people dressed, how they danced and their attitude to each other
- *Teddy Boys in London wore fancy clothes and were associated with American Rock and Roll
- *Lyrics in songs dealt with cars, dating, school and clothes and younger people could relate to this which made Rock and Roll very popular
- *Rock and Roll has evolved into many styles and continues to evolve. Some styles include: heavy metal, punk, Indie, grunge, glam rock, folk rock and soft rock

Where and when it started—It's Origins...

- *Rock and Roll originated from many styles from the US in the late 40s. It came from gospel, blues, jazz and country music to name a few
- *African-Americans were moving into big cities like Memphis, New York and Detroit so music styles clashed and were experimented with—it brought all backgrounds together
- *The development of technology helped to make this style popular—including the development of the 45rpm record. This meant that singles could be bought and played at home
- *Rock and Roll became popular in England in the 50s and this was led by artists such as Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Tommy Steele, Bill Haley and The Beatles



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| Lead and Rhythm guitar | The lead guitar plays the solos and melody and the rhythm guitar plays mainly the chord sequences |
| Amplifier | A device to make sound louder |
| Back beat | A rhythm that has a strong beat |

Key music, composers and artists to listen to...

- Rock Around the Clock—Bill Haley and His Comets
- Johnny B Goode—Chuck Berry
- Hound Dog—Elvis Presley
- Blueberry Hill—Fats Domino
- That'll Be The Day—Buddy Holly
- Rock and Roll Music—The Beatles
- Our House—Crosby, Stills and Nash (Folk Rock)
- Ziggy Stardust—David Bowie (Glam Rock)
- Highway to Hell—AC/DC (Heavy Metal)
- Should I Stay or Should I Go—The Clash (Punk Rock)
- Smells Like Teen Spirit—Nirvana (Grunge)
- Shiny Happy People—R.E.M (Indie)
- Black Dog—Led Zeppelin (Rock)
- Wonderwall—Oasis (Britpop)
- Hush—Deep Purple (Soft Rock)
- Born to be Wild—Steppenwolf (Rock)

