



Rock N Roll: Origins and Cultural Movement

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Please Silence Cell Phones

Early Influences on Rock and Roll

- **Black spiritual songs**
- **Rhythm and Blues**
- **Country**
- **Pop**
- **Songs that began to cross over were earliest Rock songs**



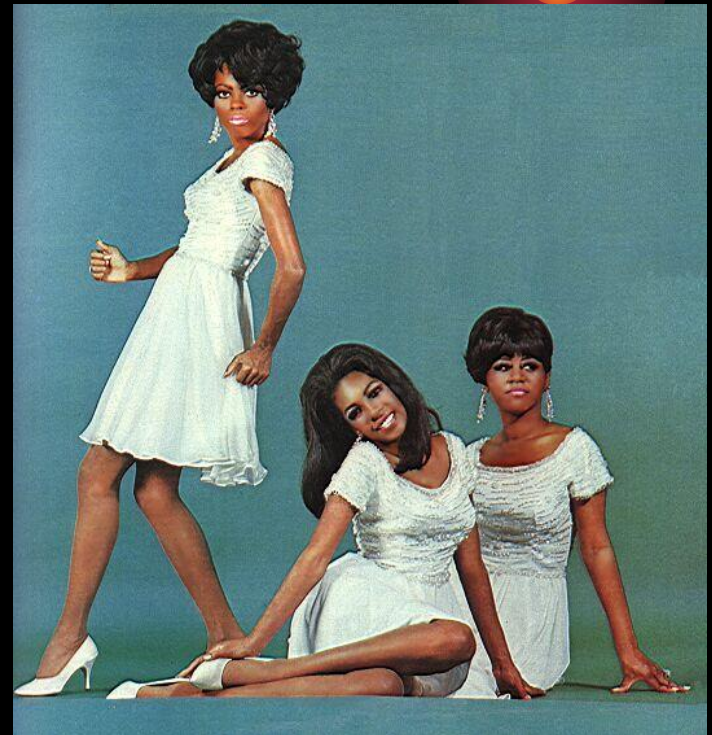
Late 50s and 1960s Themes



- **Decline and Transformation into “Produced” Pop music**
- **Girl Groups**
- **Search for Authenticity**
- **British Invasion**
- **Folk Rock**
- **Drug culture and Hippies—Psychedelic Rock**

- **The “Bobbettes”**
1957
- **The Chantels:**
“Maybe” 1958
- **The Shirelles:**
“Mama Said,”
“Soldier Boy,”
“Dedicated to the
One I Love”
- **The Supremes**

Girl Groups, 1960s



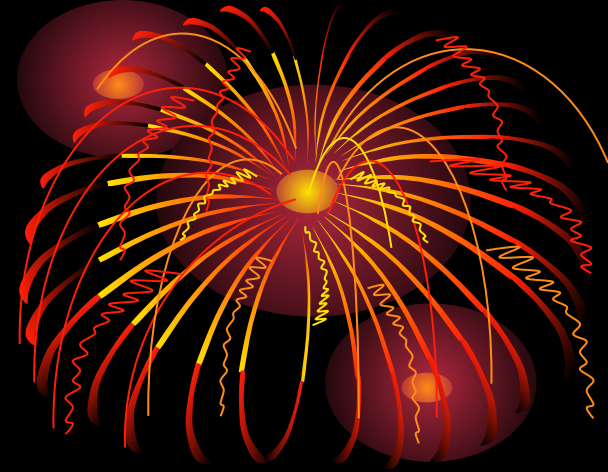
Themes in Girl Group songs



- **Boy Talk**
- **Love songs focus on romance more than on sex (Rock N Roll)**
- **Love lost**
- **Mom and Daughter Advice**
- **Respectability**

The Bobbettes

- **R&B band in Harlem**
- **Played the Apollo and were discovered by Atlantic records**
- **1957 released ‘Mr. Lee’**
- **Originally expressed dislike for a Math teacher but Atlantic made it into a ‘Crush on Teacher’ song**
- **#1 R&B and #6 Pop charts**
- **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwjTUoiXgrE>**



The Chantels

- **Attended St. Anthony of Padua school in the Bronx.**
- **Arlene Smith trained as a classical singer; the girls sang Gregorian chant**
- **Smith also wrote some of the music and lyrics**
- **“Maybe” was first big hit**
- **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lePTH1PWzAs>**



The Shirelles

- **Founded in 1957 for talent show at HS**
- **1959 hit “Dedicated to the One I Love”**
- **1962, Soldier boy was #1 on charts**
- **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NYw83uAQig>**



The Supremes

- **Founded in Detroit as “The Primettes”**
- **Became most successful Motown group**
- **“Baby Love,” “Stop! In the Name of Love,” “Love Child”**
- **<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC-MDYopSoA&feature=fvst>**



Bob Dylan



- **Folk Protest-Rock**
- **Anticipated by Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie**
- **Newport Folk Festival, 1963, “Blowing in the Wind”**
- **“Times they are a Changing”**
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyysYRS7zrY&list=RDCyysYRS7zrY&start_radio=1

Other Folk Rock Artists



- **Mommas and the Poppas**
- **Buffalo Springfield; Crosby Stills
Nash Young**
- **Simon and Garfunkel**
- **Grateful Dead**

The Beatles



- **British Invasion, 1964-69**
- **Ed Sullivan Show:**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8pXnHPduo>
- **“All My Loving”**
- **Five Songs by April 1964**
- **Stadium Performances**





The Rolling Stones

- **“Satisfaction” 1965**
- **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEjkftp7J7I&list=RDN_Ejkftp7J7I&start_radio=1**
- **Rebellious, Cynical attitude**
- **Music demands to be played Loud; Hard driving beat.**
- **Energy that hadn't been seen since Chuck Berry**



- **“My Generation”
1966**
- **“Hope I die before I
get old”**
- **“People try to put
us d-d-down
Talkin' 'bout my
generation
Just because we
g-g-get around
Talkin' 'bout my
generation”**
- **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjN5uHRlCjM&list=RDqjN5uHRlCjM&start_radio=1**

The Who



- **Played backup guitar for Ike and Tina Turner; Little Richard**
- **Woodstock**
- **“All Along the Watch Tower”**
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7cPji3g2U&list=RDAP7cPji3g2U&start_radio=1
- **1967 “Are you Experienced?” “Hey Joe” and “Purple Haze” and Psychedelic Rock**

Jimmy Hendrix



- **“Piece of My Heart”:
“Gonna Show you
baby that a Woman
can be Tough!”**

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2x1yo8Ztdw>

- **Reached #1 in 1968**

- **Monterey Pop
Festival, 1967**

- **Woodstock, 1969**

- **Heroin overdose,
1970**

**Janis
Joplin**



- **The Yardbirds**
- **Jimmy Paige on guitar; Robert Plant, vocals**
- **Creation of Heavy Metal**
- **“Stairway to Heaven”**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbhCPt6PZIU&list=DxbhCPt6PZIU&start_radio=1

Led Zeppelin 1968-80



- **“Comfortably Numb”**
- **“Hey You”**
- **“Money”**
- **“The Wall”**
- **Themed Albums**
- **Theatrical Stage Shows**
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBQsQoGodPY&list=RDxBQsQoGodPY&start_radio=1

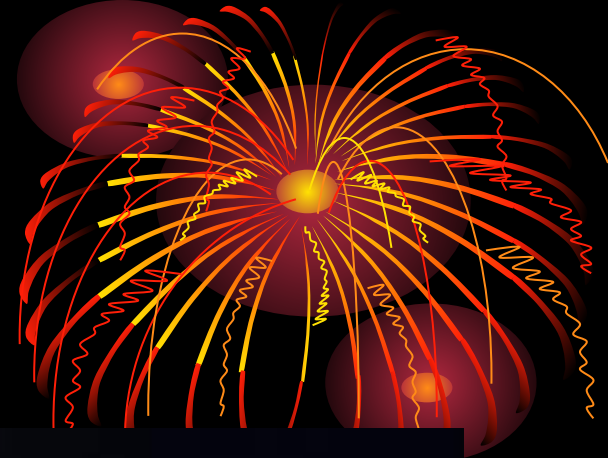
Pink Floyd 1965-1994



Bruce Springsteen

- **Story Telling**
- **New Jersey Scene**
- **Cars; music; lyrical sense of Lost America and Generations out of Touch**

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1980s



- **MTV**
- **Videos**
- **Dance**
- **Madonna**
- **“Like a Virgin**
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_rX_WL100&list=RD_s_rX_WL100&start_radio=1
- **Michael Jackson**
- **Thriller: Best Selling Album of All Time**
- **Billy Jean:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zi_XLOB_Do_Y&list=RDZi_XLOB_Do_Y&start_radio=1

Summary



- **Early Influences: R & B; Folk; Pop**
- **Response in 50s to Post-War Order and Conformity**
- **Girl Groups and British Infusion in 60s**
- **Central Instrument: Guitar**
- **Individualism, Freedom, and Rebellion**
- **Youth Culture**
- **Live Energetically; Sex; Distrust of Power and Money**