History of Rock and Roll Study Guide

Match these items to their decade -

- Elvis Pressley
- Lynyrd Skynyrd
- Michael Jackson
- Chuck Berry
- The Beach Boys
- The Jackson 5
- Jefferson Airplane
- The Beatles
- Hippies
- Blue Suede Shoes
- The Rolling Stones
- Ted Nugent
- Culture Club
- Madonna
- Woodstock
- KC and the Sunshine Band
- Led Zeppelin
- James Taylor
- Disco
- Bruce Springsteen
- John Cougar Mellencamp
- Nirvana
- Bob Dylan
- Pearl Jam
- Punk Rock
- R.E.M.
- Kid Rock
- MP3
- Nine Inch Nails
- Guns-n-Roses
- Motley Crue
- Van Halen
- Queen

- The Who
- Simon and Garfunkel
- Gordon Lightfoot
- Jim Croce
- Pete Seeger
- Diana Ross
- Darlene Love
- Smokey Robinson
- Marvin Gaye
- Stevie Wonder
- Little Richard

Rock and roll is a spin-off of what 3 musical styles?

In the 1940's, Folk Music became a popular form of music. It used music as a vehicle for what type of messages?

Who first used the term "Rock and Roll"?

What was payola?

Who was the King of Rock?

Who was the King of Pop?

Variety magazine lashed out against the Rock and Roll genre in the early 1950s because of it's what?

The Beatles arrived on American shores on what date, marking the start of the British Invasion?

What record company/label was founded by Berry Gordy, Jr and located in Detroit, Michigan?

Many top artists recorded on this label during the 1960's. Name four of these groups/artists.

The Beach Boys transformed in the mid-1960s into an influential Rock force. In 1966, the Beach Boys gained critical notoriety for the release of what experimental studio album?

A Blues-influenced guitarist, Jimi Hendrix is considered one of the greatest Rock artists of all time. Hendrix gained U.S. notoriety following his 1967 performance at the Monterey Pop Festival, during which he did what?

What was the Woodstock festival?

What is the 27 club?

The 1970s saw Rock split into different categories. Singer-songwriters dominated the 1970s. Music was poetry, and these artists were the poets for a generation. Name three of them.

Television became the new popular medium for discovering Rock music. What aired for the first time on August 1, 1981 with the result that music would never be the same?

What was the first music video played on MTV?

Glam and Metal reigned supreme for most of the 1980s. Name three bands that brought Metal to the mainstream.

The singer-songwriter genre remained throughout the 1980s with which male artist being arguably the most popular artist within the songwriter sub-genre?

In the 1980s, a more mellow form of Rock and Roll called "Alternative" began to emerge. Name two of these bands/groups.

Alternative Rock from the late 1980s lashed out against the excessive Metal bands in the early 1990s. Leading the pack was what Seattle based band?

A new name within alternative Rock, this was an appropriate name for artists and bands who celebrated dirty, distorted guitars and screaming scratchy vocals. What is the name of this sub-genre of Rock?

Thanks to computers and technological advancements, music fans were able to download music and quickly abandoned radio. What was the new technology that enabled this?

Source Material -

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