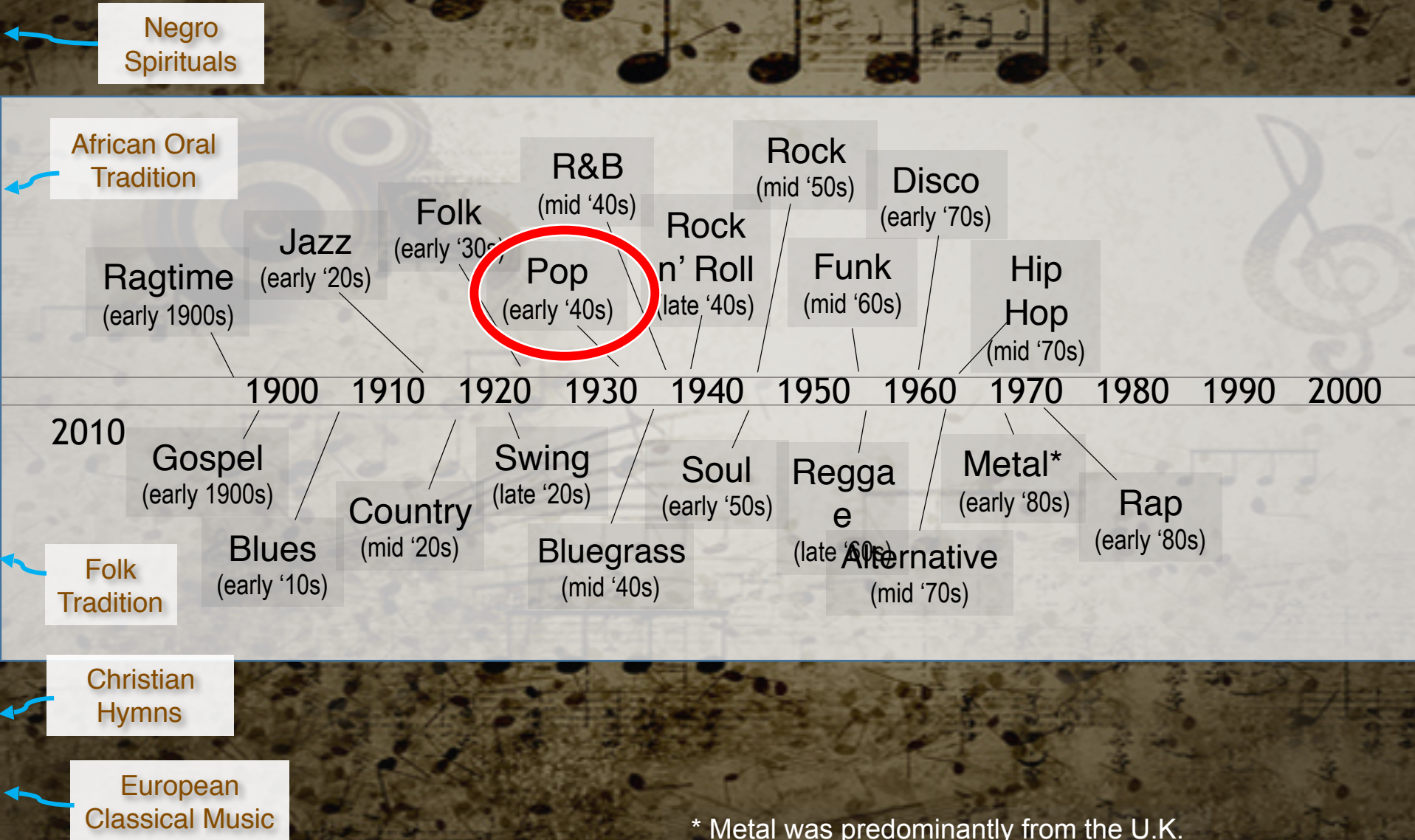


The background is a textured collage of musical symbols. It features several horizontal musical staves with various notes and rests. A prominent treble clef is visible on the right side. In the lower-left quadrant, there is a circular graphic that resembles a CD or vinyl record. The overall color palette is muted, with shades of brown, tan, and black.

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\* Metal was predominantly from the U.K.



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What do you  
already know  
about this genre?



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## Quotations to ponder:

*“Pop music often tells you everything is OK, while rock music tells you that it’s not OK, but you can change it.” – Bono (U2)*

*“Pop will never die as long as there are teens and popular music.” – Justin Timberlake*

*“Pop is actually my least favorite kind of music, because it lacks real depth.” – Christina Aguilera*

*“What’s missing from pop music is danger.” – Prince*

*“I love pop music. Who doesn’t.” – Shirley Manson*

*“I don’t like pop music.” – Michael Jackson (King of Pop)*

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Quotations to ponder:

**THE FUNCTION OF  
POP MUSIC IS TO  
BE CONSUMED**

PIERRE BOULEZ

“POP MUSIC ALLOWS YOU TO BE WHO YOU ARE  
WITHOUT HAVING TO WEAR A SOCIAL UNIFORM  
OR TO CONFORM, WHICH SOME PEOPLE FIND  
IMPOSSIBLE TO DO.”

SIOBHAN FAHEY

**POP MUSIC IS  
ASPIRIN AND THE  
BLUES ARE  
VITAMINS.**

Peter Tork

I have seen the future of pop music  
and it is a band called Queen.

Jac Holzman

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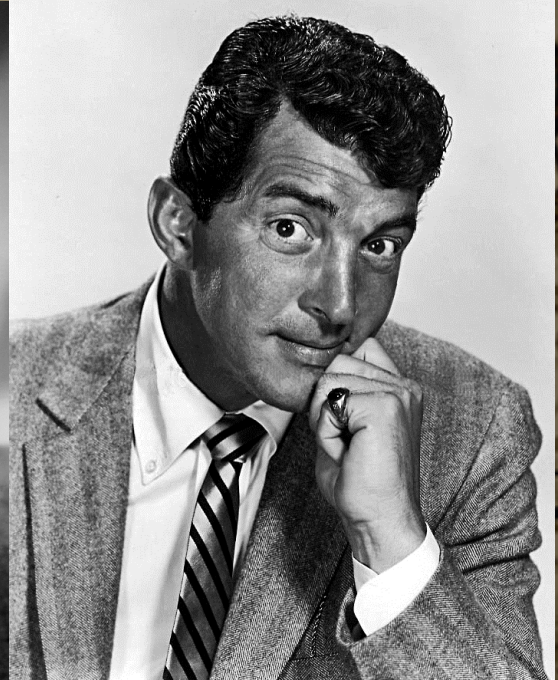
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Description: "The Most Admired Man Alive" Bing Crosby (c. 1930s), "The Sultan of Swoon" Frank Sinatra (c. 1940s) and "The King of Cool" Dean Martin (c. 1960)

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**Definition:** *By necessity, popular music has always existed. However, the American 'pop' genre (sometimes called pop rock) can be seen emerging from around the 1940s, borrowing from other popular genres, particularly rock n' roll. Pop is often aimed at youth and is a softer, usually upbeat alternative to rock n' roll.*

**Peak popularity:** 1940s – present

**Characteristics:** upbeat, verse/chorus structure, positive, catchy, widespread, topics of love, fun, life

**Influenced by:** traditional popular music, country, dance, rock n' roll, folk, classical

**Influenced:** various subgenres and global pop music

**Notable Artists:** Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, The Beatles, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Prince

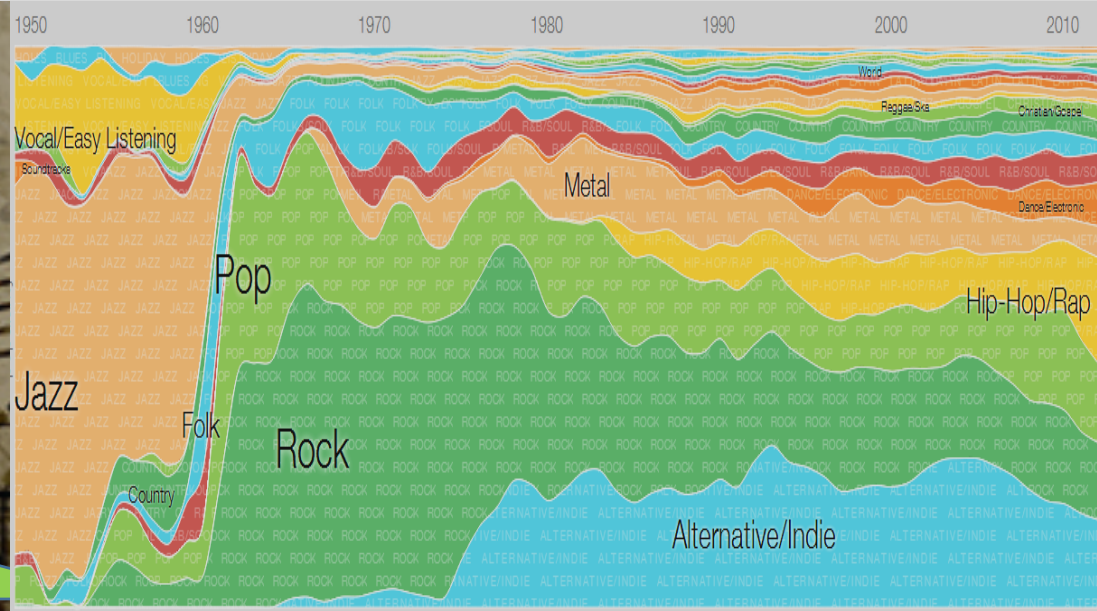
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Bing Crosby

"I'll Be Home For Christmas"

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watch?v=FbzcjH3rlnM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbzcjH3rlnM)



Bing Crosby with Grace Kelly

"True Love"

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**Frank Sinatra**

**“Fly Me By The Moon”**

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**Frank Sinatra with Dinah Shore**

**“You Make Me Feel So Young”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L17f2u9O3E>

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Dean Martin

"That's Amore"

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watch?v=L0bx1Yq-X8E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0bx1Yq-X8E)



Dean Martin with Peggy Lee

"Medley"

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Dean Martin with Frank Sinatra Duet

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**The Beatles**

**“I Want to Hold Your Hand”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ds3R0Zxh26g>



**The Monkees**

**“Hey Hey We’re the Monkeys”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksJ6QP8BYn0>

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**Michael Jackson**

**"Thriller"**

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watch?v=sOnqjkJTMaA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOnqjkJTMaA)



**Madonna**

**"Like A Virgin"**

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1982 music video featuring "Africa" by Toto:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djV11Xbc914>



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1985 music video featuring "Take On Me" by a-ha:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djV11Xbc914>



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2017 remake of "Take On Me" by a-ha: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xKM3mGt2pE>



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Best-selling single of all time - Elton John's "Somethin About the Way You Look Tonight": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B93Tir6l5FA>



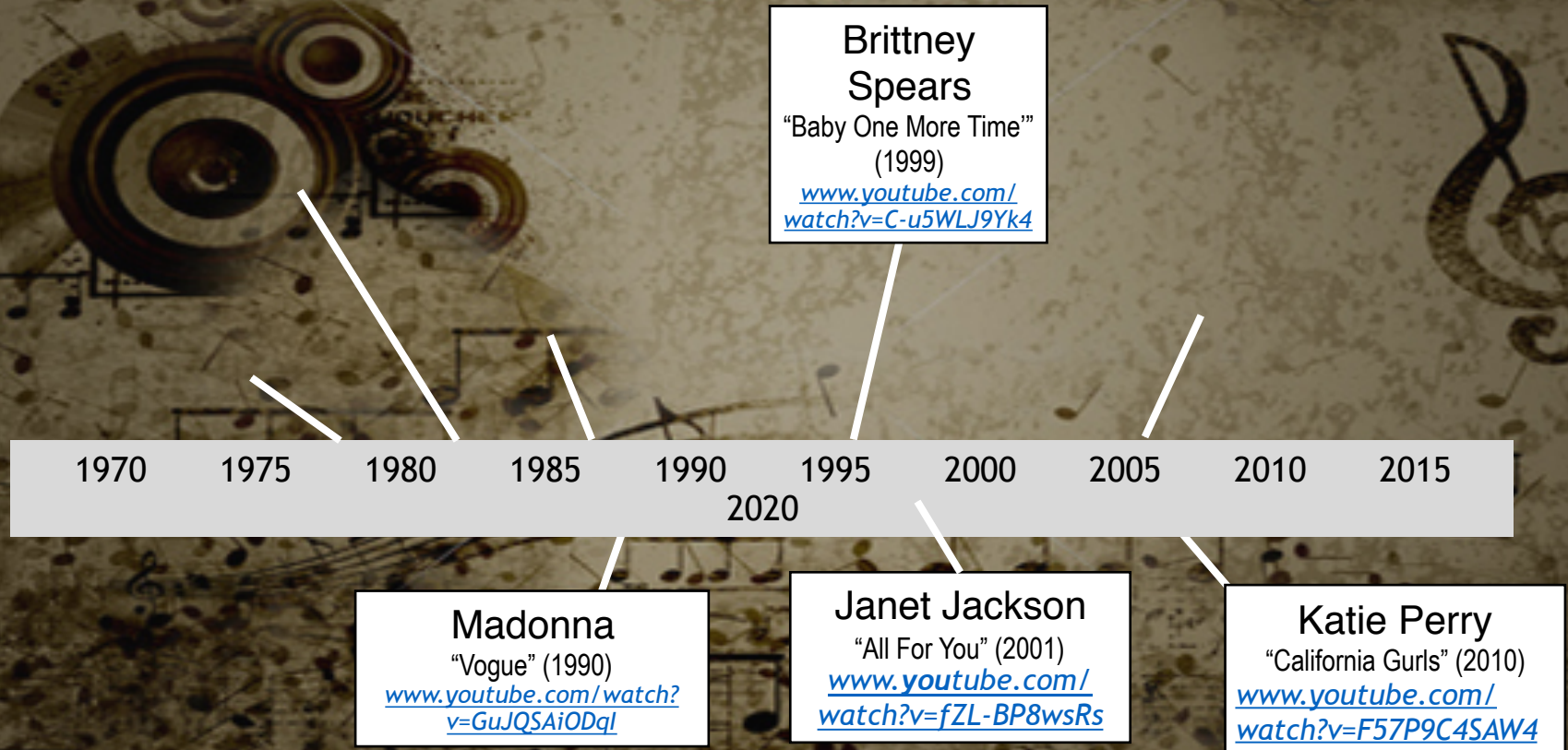
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Pop Music has remained popular into the modern era. Since the 1960s, some prominent pop stars include:



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**Billy Joel**

"Uptown Girl" (1983)

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watch?v=hCuMWrfXG4E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCuMWrfXG4E)

**Barry Manilow**

"Cocacabana" (1978)

[www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=JMHP9a5Fwrl](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMHP9a5Fwrl)

**Michael  
Jackson**

"The Way You Make Me  
Feel" (1987)

[www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=HzZ\\_urpj4As](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzZ_urpj4As)

**Bruno Mars**

"The Way You Are" (2010)

[www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=LjhCEhWiKXk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjhCEhWiKXk)

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**Elton John**

"Candle In The Wind" (1973)

[www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=A8g00Z818j4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8g00Z818j4)

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Don't forget the boy bands (and girl bands). These are bands that typically don't come together naturally, but are put together by a producer

**New Kids On the Block**

"You Got It (The Right Stuff)"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tblEwIwYz-c>

**N'Sync**

"Bye, Bye, Bye"

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eo-KmOd3i7s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eo-KmOd3i7s)

**98 Degrees**

"I Do"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kofixtz2Us>

**Boyz II Men**

"End of the Road"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDKO6XYXioc>

**Backstreet Boys**

"I Want It That Way"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fndeDfaWCg>

**Spice Girls**

"Wannabe"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXLH8qIF7vl>

**One Direction**

"Story of My Life"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-TE\\_Ys4iwM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-TE_Ys4iwM)

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## Artist Spotlight: Beatles

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Part pop, part rock, the Beatles are considered by Rolling Stone Magazine to be the greatest band in the history of music. From England, John, Paul, George and Ringo came on to the American scene in the early '60s and never looked back. By some estimations, they are the best-selling band in history. Grammy Awards, record-setting billboard hits and other honors are almost too many to count.



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## Artist Spotlight: Michael Jackson

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Called the “King of Pop”, Michael Jackson was a star from his youth with the Jackson 5. As a robot-dancing, moonwalking solo artist, he dominated pop music in the late 70s, throughout the 80s and remained popular and active until his death in 2009. “Beat It”, “Billie Jean”, “Thriller”, “Black or White” and countless other songs are still globally recognized. His 1982 album *Thriller* is the best-selling album of all time.



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Michael Jackson hits: Thriller, Beat it, Smooth Criminal, Billy Jean, Bad, Dangerous, Black or White , PYT, Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough

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## Artist Spotlight: Madonna

Referred to as the “Queen of Pop”, Madonna dominated pop music in the 1980s and into the 1990s with countless hits such as “Like a Virgin”, “Into the Groove”, “Papa Don’t Preach”, “Like a Prayer”, and “Vogue”. At over 300 million records, she is widely recognized as the best-selling female artist of all-time.



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## Artist Spotlight: Elton John

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Part soft-rock, part blues, part pop, Elton John's six Grammy Awards, knighthood status, 50 songs in the Billboard top 40, 300 million albums sold, and the best-selling single of all time (Candle in the wind) put him at legendary status and rare company.



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## Artist Spotlight: David Bowie

David Bowie hit the British singles chart at age 22 with the song "Space Oddity" in 1969. He thrived with the advent of '70s & '80s Glam Rock with songs like "Starman", "Fame", and "Under Pressure".



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**Artist Spotlight: David Bowie**

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He made a name for himself with unique (often odd) showmanship, style, and songs. He was nominated for 19 Grammys, winning 5, and has sold nearly 150 million albums. He was a trailblazer of style.



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Did you know...?

“Pop” is also a word for soda in certain regions of the United States. You know, as in Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, Squirt, Dr. Pepper and Root Beer.



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**What are the Top 5 most popular genres of American Music?  
(not just today, but all time)**

**#5: Hip Hop** - emerging recently (70s), this genre continues to grow in popularity

**Hip Hop**

**#4: Alternative** - also from the '70s, this genre continues to offer diverse sounds

**Alternative**

**#3: Pop** - called 'pop' for a reason, this genre from the 40s hasn't declined in popularity

**Pop**

**#2: Jazz** - America's favorite music for ages (20s-50s), it lives on via other genres

**Jazz**

**#1: Rock n' Roll** - ultimate American sound, it's been going strong since the 50s on

**Rock n' Roll**



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## **Rolling Stone Magazine's list of top 100 artists of all time (2008)**

- 1. The Beatles –
- 2. Bob Dylan –
- 3. Elvis Presley –
- 4. Rolling Stones –
- 5. Chuck Berry –
- 6. Jimi Hendrix –
- 7. James Brown –
- 8. Little Richard –
- 9. Aretha Franklin –
- 10. Ray Charles –
- 11. Bob Marley –
- 12. The Beach Boys –
- 13. Buddy Holly –
- 14. Led Zeppelin –
- 15. Stevie Wonder –
- 16. Sam Cooke –
- 17. Muddy Waters –
- 18. Marvin Gaye –
- 19. Velvet Underground –
- 20. Bo Diddley –
- 21. Otis Redding –
- 22. U2 –
- 23. Bruce Springsteen –
- 24. Jerry Lee Lewis –
- 25. Fats Domino –
- 26. The Ramones –
- 27. Nirvana –
- 28. Prince –
- 29. The Who –
- 30. The Clash –
- 31. Johnny Cash –
- 32. Smokey Robinson –
- 33. The Everly Brothers –
- 34. Neil Young –
- 35. Michael Jackson –
- 36. Madonna –
- 37. Roy Orbison –
- 38. John Lennon –
- 39. David Bowie –
- 40. Simon and Garfunkel –
- 41. The Doors –
- 42. Van Morrison –
- 43. Sly and the Family Stone –
- 44. Public Enemy –
- 45. The Byrds –
- 46. Janis Joplin –
- 47. Patti Smith –
- 48. Run-DMC –
- 49. Elton John –
- 50. The Band –
- 51. Howlin' Wolf –
- 52. Allman Brothers Band –
- 53. Eric Clapton –
- 54. Dr. Dre –
- 55. Grateful Dead –
- 56. Parliament/Funkadelic –
- 57. Aerosmith –
- 58. Sex Pistols –
- 59. Louis Jordan –
- 60. Joni Mitchell –
- 61. Tina Turner –
- 62. Etta James –
- 63. Phil Spector –
- 64. The Kinks –
- 65. Al Green –
- 66. Cream –
- 67. The Temptations –
- 68. Jackie Wilson –
- 69. Carl Perkins –
- 70. The Police –
- 71. Frank Zappa –
- 72. AC/DC –
- 73. Radiohead –
- 74. Hank Williams –
- 75. The Eagles –
- 76. The Shirelles –
- 77. Beastie Boys –
- 78. The Stooges –
- 79. The Four Tops –
- 80. Elvis Costello –
- 81. The Drifters –
- 82. Eminem –
- 83. N.W.A. –
- 84. James Taylor –
- 85. Black Sabbath –
- 86. Tupac Shakur –
- 87. Gram Parsons –
- 88. Miles Davis –
- 89. The Yardbirds –
- 90. Carlos Santana –
- 91. Ricky Nelson –
- 92. Guns n Roses –
- 93. Booker T. and the MG's –
- 94. Nine Inch Nails –
- 95. Lynyrd Skynyrd –
- 96. Martha and the Vandellas –
- 97. Diana Ross and the Supremes –
- 98. Roxy Music –
- 99. Curtis Mayfield –
- 100. Lee 'Scratch' Perry –