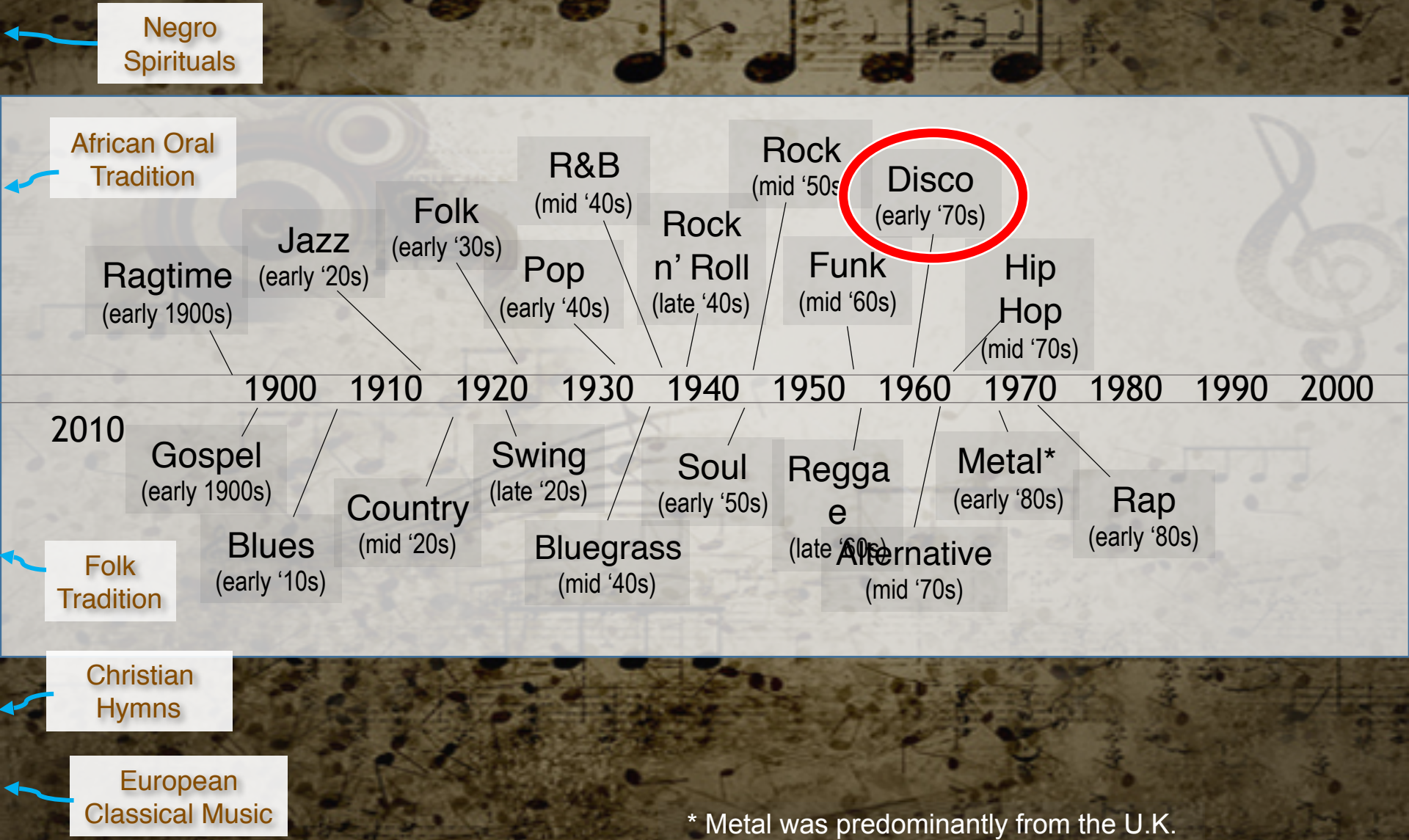


The background is a textured collage of musical elements. It features various musical staves with notes, a large treble clef on the right, and a vinyl record on the left. The overall color palette is muted, with shades of brown, tan, and black.

**Disco**

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\* Metal was predominantly from the U.K.

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## Disco

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**Quotations to ponder:**

*“Disco deserved a better name, a beautiful name because it was a beautiful art form. It mad the consumer beautiful The consumer was the star.” – Barry White*

*“A wise man once said, never discuss philosophy or politics in a disco environment.” – Frank Zappa*

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**Quotations to ponder:**

*“Disco dancing is just the steady thump of a giant moron knocking in an endless nail.” – Clive James*

*“Disco is music for dancing, and people will always want to dance.” – Giorgio Moroder*

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## Disco Memes and GIFs...

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Description: The first and second albums of Barry White (1973 and 1974)

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**Description: World's largest disco ball (Louisville, Kentucky)**

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**Definition:** *Combining elements of funk, soul, pop, salsa and psychedelic, disco was a reaction to the dominance of rock and of the '60s 'anti-dance' counterculture. Disco was prevalent in 1970s dance clubs, initially African-American, but soon embraced by diverse demographics.*

**Peak popularity:** 1970s

**Characteristics:** upbeat, reverberating vocals, electric bass, less guitar than rock, synthesizers and other electronic instruments

**Influenced by:** Funk, Soul, Psychedelic, Latin (salsa), pop rock, classical, gospel, swing, blues

**Influenced:** hip-hop, house, rave, and other disco derivatives

**Notable Artists:** ABBA, Giorgio Moroder, Donna Summer, Bee Gees, KC and the Sunshine Band

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ABBA

“Dancing Queen”

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watch?v=xFrGuyw1V8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFrGuyw1V8s)



ABBA

“Mama Mia”

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**Donna Summer**

**“Hot Stuff”**

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**Donna Summer**

**“1975”**

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watch?v=V5AztWseldU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5AztWseldU)



**(Written by the legendary  
Giorgio Moroder)**

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Barry White

"Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe" (1974)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpQOBL7PNhs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpQOBL7PNhs)



Barry White

"Never Gonna Give You Up" (1973)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pF\\_J1iz\\_lao](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pF_J1iz_lao)

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KC and the Sunshine Band

**"Shake Your  
Booty" (1976)**

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KC and the Sunshine Band

**"That's The Way  
I Like It" (1975)**

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**Bee Gees**

**“Stayin’  
Alive” (1977)**

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watch?v=l\\_izvAbhExY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_izvAbhExY)



**Bee Gees**

**“Night  
Fever” (1977)**

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Wyclef's Hip Hop remix of "Stayin' Alive": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPV1InMNUf4>

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Clip from the 1977 film *Saturday Night Fever*:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUID0jSh2lc>



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Daft Punk and Pharrell Williams with the disco-inspired “Get Lucky”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NV6Rdv1a3I>

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The Newsboys with the disco-inspired “Love, Liberty, Disco”:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjKezlh2aW8>

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The influence of Disco Music can be seen in recent decades as well. For example...

Madonna

"Vogue" (1990)

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

Daft Punk & Pharrell Williams

"Get Lucky" (2013)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NV6Rdv1a3I>

Justin Timberlake

"Rock Your Body" (2003)

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

Hurclules & Love Affair

"Blind" (2008)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RsfGJsax9E>

Breakbot

"Baby I'm Yours" (2012)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6okxuiiHx2w>

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## Artist Spotlight: ABBA

Swedish pop group ABBA (which stood for the first names of the members, Agnetha, Bjorn, Benny, Anni). ABBA was enormously successful as a pop-disco band.



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## Artist Spotlight: ABBA

Their popularity in the United States and globally helped them to sell over 380 million albums, the second-highest selling band of all time (behind the Beatles).



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Artist Spotlight: ABBA

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## Artist Spotlight: The Bee Gees

Originally a successful rock group, the Bee Gees and their legendary falsetto voices recorded some of the greatest disco hits, such as, "How Deep Is Your Love", "Massachusetts", "You Should Be Dancing", "To Love Somebody", "Stayin' Alive" and "Night Fever".



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## Artist Spotlight: The Bee Gees

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They have sold over 220 million records, touring the world for decades.



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## Artist Spotlight: KC and the Sunshine Band

Funk, R&B, and disco were the domain of KC (Harry Wayne Casey) and the Sunshine Band (from Florida, the Sunshine State).

Harry Wayne Casey = KC



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## Artist Spotlight: KC and the Sunshine Band

It is rare to go to a modern wedding without hearing a KC hit, like: “That’s the Way (I Like It)”, “(Shake, Shake, Shake) Shake Your Booty”, or “Get Down Tonight”.



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Did you know...?

Actor John Travolta was known for his disco dancing skills. He has danced in all sorts of movies, including:

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Pulp Fiction (1994)



Saturday Night Fever (1977)



Urban Cowboy (1980)



Grease (1978)



Hairspray (2007)



Michael (1996)

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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 –