



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



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)

