Time Period	Years	Description	Music	Composers & Performers
Medieval	500 – 1400	Also known as the Middle ages not much is about music from this era.	Gregorian Chant or Plain Chant These are church prayers and hymns, sung in Latin.	Monks, Church Goers, Pope St. Gregory I
Renaissance	1400 – 1600	A rebirth of classical forms	Masses and Commons songs	Monks, Troubadours
Baroque	1600-1760	An era of enormous musical growth, where music theory and functionality, as we know it today, was created. The music was light with a pulse and marked by elaborate musical ornamentation.	Masses, Concertos, Suites, Fugue, Canzona, Sinfonia, Fantasia, Toccata, Prelude.	Johann Bach Antonio Vivaldi George Handel Henry Purcell Also: Corelli, Albinoni, Monteverdi
Classical	1730 – 1820	An era of increase clarity following the Baroque era. The music was marked by lighter, cleaner texture and was less ornamented then Baroque. However more attention was paid to dynamics, styles and variation.	Concertos, Sonatas, Symphony, Opera, Requiem, Theme and Variations, Trio, Minuet, Overture, Suites	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Joseph Hayden CPE Bach Also: Gluck, Clementi, Dussek
Romantic	1815-1910	An era in music of increased passion and expression marked by the expansions of music theory and forms.	Concertos, Sonatas, Symphony, Opera, Requiem, Theme and Variations, Trio, Minuet, Tone Poem, March, Suites, Ballades, Nocturnes.	Ludwig Van Beethoven Hector Berlioz Johannes Brahms Fredrick Chopin Richard Wagner Felix Mendelssohn, Franz Schubert.
20 <sup>th</sup> Century	1900-2000	This era of music is not a style of form itself, but a general heading for all forms on the period	The 20 <sup>th</sup> Century marked various new kinds of symphonic music as well as many new kinds of popular music.	

Impressionism	Late 1800's	A music styles similar to impressionist painting that is marked by suggestion or atmosphere rather than clear, defined parts.	Preludes, Nocturnes, Etudes.	Claude Debussy Maurice Ravel
Serialism	Mid 1900's -	A music style based on a new kind of musical theory, mark by a sense of atonality.	12 Tone, Tone Rows,	Arnold Schoenberg Alban Berg,
Neoclassicism	Mid 1900's	A revival of Classical music style.		Stravinsky, Bernstein
Minimalist	Late 1900	A simple music based on constant harmony and steady pulse	Music for Marimba, Metamorphosis, Short Ride in a Fast Machine	Phillip Glass, Steve Reich, John Adams.
Aleatoric music	Mid 1900's	Music a some element left to chance, some part is not written or planned	4'33", In "C"	John Cage.
Soundtrack Score	1950	The only form of popular Symphonic music left.	Music for sync with visual, I.e. Movies, Video Games, Television	John Williams, James Horner, Danny Elfman, James Newton Howard.
Blues	Circa 1900's	A simple folk music that grew from African American Slaves. The form mixed European, American and African styles and grew out of Black oppression in the South. The styles gained much success in the era following the Emancipation Proclamation.	Delta Blues: A form of southern blues that is simple, gritty and acoustic.  Chicago Blues: A Blues mutation cause by the movement of blues musicians northward, Chicago blues uses electric instruments.	Robert Johnson, Keb Mo, Blind Lemon Jefferson, Lead Belly, Ma Rainey. Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Howlin Wolf, Bo Diddley, Sonny Boy Williamson.
Jazz	1910	A Mix of American musical styles that began in New Orleans. Jazz is a mix of American Marching/Brass music, European Harmonies, and African rhythms.	Jazz has many different types of form. 12 Bar Blues Form, Rhythm Changes – 32 Bar AABA form. The following are different sub categories.	

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Stride,	1910 –	Forms of early jazz that maintains an	Brass Band Marches, French	Original Dixie Land Jazz
Ragtime,	1920	American marching influence with	Quadrilles, Blues, Collective	Band, Jelly Roll Morton,
Dixieland,		improvisation of parts and swing	Improvisation: St. Louis Blues,	Louie Armstrong.
Swing		rhythms for dancing.	Dixie Land Jazz Band One Step	
Big Band,	1920-1950	A popular form of Jazz marked by	Highly arranged charts with	Duke Ellington, Count
Swing		larger groups that would play dance	sporadic improvisation when	Basie, Glen Miller, Benny
		music for large audience.	called for; In the Mood, Sing,	Goodman, Woody
			Sing, Sing, Cottontail.	Herman.
Be-Bop	1930 –	A faster, more intense and technical	Fast Tempos, Improvisation,	Charlie Parker, Dizzy
-	1960	form of jazz, brought on by increase	Double time, Complicated	Gillespie, Max Roach,
		player proficiency and lack of money	Harmonies, and Intricate	Bud Powell, Thelonious
		for large groups.	Melodies; Ko-Ko, Anthropology,	Monk, Cannonball
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Cool Jazz,	1940 –	A more laidback type of jazz that	Intricate Arrangements, Melodic	Mile Davis, Dave
Modal Jazz	1970	explored different harmonies and	Development, Some emotional	Brubeck, Chet Baker, Bill
		techniques.	Overtones; So What, Kinda Blue,	Evans, John Coltrane,
		1	Take Five, Freddie Freeloader.	Stan Getz.
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Avant-Garde,	1960-1980	Free and avant-garde pushed the	A complete break down of	John Coltrane, Charles
Free Jazz		limits of tradition theory. Pieces	traditional forms and structure;	Mingus, Cecil Taylor,
		reflected intellectual properties and	A Love Supreme, Jitney #2,	Ornette Coleman, Keith
		suggested "Sheets of Sound".	Meditations, Nefertiti.	Jarrett
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Jazz Rock,	1960-2000	These styles marked a combination of	A combination rock, funk, samba,	Miles Davis, Herbie
Latin Jazz,		Jazz and other styles while trying to	Bossa, salsa, and other elements	Hancock, Pat Methany,
Fusion, Acid		find a new mix of sounds.	into the jazz idiom.	Weather Report, McCoy
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20 <sup>th</sup> century Pop	1940 - 2000	These next styles represent the beginning of popular music as it was created by a teen pop culture.	Pop or popular music is just a main category. A multitude of styles exist in it.	The Following is broken up into Rock and then Pop.
Crooning	1920 – 1960	Crooners started singing jazz charts with big orchestrations, they were seen an iconic figures.	Jazz vocal music with roots in Operatic Singing. Songs like; My Way, Volare, White Christmas, My funny Valentine.	Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Perry Como, Nat King Cole, Sammy Davis Jr.
Rock	1950 -?	A mix of Blues, Country, and folk music inspired by Early African American Music and Tradition White American Music.	The term Rock and Roll was first use a Cleveland, Ohio Dj named Alan Freed in 1951.	The first Rock and Roll song is considered by some to be "Rocket 88" by Jackie Brenston
Early Rock n Roll	1950-1960	An early mix of Country, Gospel, and Rhythms and Blues, created by the artist of the time.	Rocket 88, Shake, Rattle and Roll, That's All right Mama, Rock Around The Clock, Johnny B Goode.	Elvis Presley, Bill Haley, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, Gene Vincent.
British Invasion, Garage, Surf	1960-1970	British rock formed from Skiffle music, which gained popularity in England from the influence of American Blues and Jazz artists. In America, Rockabilly leads to surf and then was lighted by American Artists.	I Wanna Hold Your Hand, Please Please Me, I Can't Get No Satisfaction, All Day And All Of The Night, For Your Love, Walk Don't Run, Surfing Safari, Little Deuce Coup.	The Beatles, The Yardbirds, The Rolling Stones, The Kinks, The Beach Boys, The Ventures, The Animals.
Classic Rock, Glam Rock, Pop and Psychedelic	1965 to 1975	Innovative and impressive musicians as well as advances in technology took rock to new places. Distortion changed the sound, blues influenced guitar player's riffs. Drugs, popularity, fame, and a changing society had many influences on its music.	Live and Let Die, Your songs, Mr. Tambourine Man, Blowing in the Wind, Protest Song, White Rabbit, Somebody to Love, Purple Haze, Stairway to Heaven, Me and Bobby McGee, Money, My Generation, Immigrant Song, Tommy.	Paul McCartney, Elton John, Chicago, The Bryds, Bob Dylan, The Doors, Jefferson Airplane, Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin.

Arena Rock,	1970 –	Hard, Heavy and Prog Rock grew	Hooked on A Feeling, Don't Stop	Boston, Styx, Foreigner,
Punk Rock	1980	during the 70's into a larger than life	Believing, Carry on my Wayward	Journey, Queen, KISS,
		spectacle. Underneath grew a	Son, London Calling, Anarchy in	The Clash, The Ramones,
		rebellion of raw fast music in	the UK, Blitzkrieg Bop.	The Sex Pistols, Iggy
		opposition to the iconic style.		Pop.
New Wave,	1975 –	Out of the Punk scene came a lighter	Psycho killer, Allison, Rio, Just	The Talking heads, Elvis
Synthpop,	1990	mix of rock and synth infused pop.	Can't Get Enough, Take on Me,	Costello, Duran Duran
Heavy Metal,		Also a reaction to Arena rock a heavy	Come on Eileen, Breaking The	Depeche Mode, Black
80's Glam		more aggressive rock came to the	Law, Paranoid (1970), The	Sabbath (1970), Judas
Metal		forefront after having been brewing	Number of the Beast, Every Rose	Priest, Poison, Monty
		since the mid 70's.	has its Thorn.	Crue.
Alternative,	1990 –	As Punk subsided new musicians	Stand, Losing My Religion, Just	The Cure, R.E.M, Sonic
Grunge, Pop	2000	took the punk mentality, as they	Like Heaven, Bull in the Heather,	Youth, Jane's Addiction,
Punk		became better players they produced	Been Caught Stealing, Bullet with	The Smashing Pumpkins,
		a sound alternative to rock. Some of	Butterfly wings, Smells Like Teen	Nirvana, Pearl Jam,
		the more passionate preferred a dirtier	Spirit, Alive, Outshined, Lithium,	Sound Garden, Green
		sound.	Longview.	Day.
Pop punk, Bit	2000 - ?	As the new millennium started, rock	Kid A, Yellow, Clocks, Take Me	The Killers, Franz
Pop,		influenced styles have started to fade	out, Wichita, One Step Closer,	Ferdinand, Slipknot,
Electronic, Post		behind new pop. Trying for a new	Last Night, Are You Gonna Be	Linkin Park, Coldplay,
Punk, New		style caused bands to mix existing	My Girl, Electric Feel, In Your	The White Stripes, Jet,
Rave		genres to find the next big thing.	Honor.	The Stokes. Foo Fighters.
Other	1940 - ?	There also exists a variety of other	These pop styles began or were	
Contemporary		modern styles of immense	heavily influenced by early	
Pop Styles		popularity.	African American Styles.	
Soul, Motown	1959 - ?	Growing out of Gospel and Rhythm	Please Mr. Postman, My Guy,	Smokey Robinson, The
		and Blues a new secular funky form	Where Did Our Love Go, Reach	Miracles, The
		called soul appear, supported by	Out Ill Be There, ABC, Warm The	Temptations, The Four
		Motown Records the new form added	Tears Of A Clown, Superstition,	tops, The Supremes, The
		a pop sound to become Motown.	Sir Duke.	Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder

Disco	1960 –	From Motown and Soul some up-	The Tighten Up, Dance to the	The Bee Gee's, Donna
	1980	tempo dance tunes formed. These	Music, Get Down Tonight, That's	Summers, KC and The
		hits fuel by new technological	The Way I Like It, Disco Inferno,	Sunshine Band, The
		innovations of stereos sound, DJ'ing	A Fifth of Beethoven, Le Chic,	Trammps, Saturday Night
		made popular a thumping dance mix.	Lets Dance.	Fever.
Rap, Hip Hop,	1980 - ?	Influenced from a wide variety,	Rappers Delight, Mama Said	Sugar Hill Gang,
R & B		including African Griots, African	Knock You Out, Push-It, Paul	Grandmaster Flash,
		American Blues, Soul, Gospel, and	Revere, Gansta's Paradise, Fu-	Public Enemy, 2PAC, 50
		tradition R & B, then brought to the	Gee-La, In Da Club, C.R.E.A.M.	cent, Nelly, Kanye West,
		forefront by Disco DJ's Emcee's and	Regulate, Gold Digger, Hey Ya.	R. Kelly, Usher, Beyonce,
		groups.		Alicia Keys.
Funk	1960 - ?	A groovy and rhythmic deviation of	Papa's Got A Brand New Bag,	James Brown, George
		soul funk is the natural music	Sex Machine, Flash Light, Aqua	Clinton, Parliament, Sly
		versions of disco.	Boogie, Everyday People.	and The Family Stone.
Reggae	1960 - ?	Mento, an early Jamaican Folk Music	Guns of Naverone, Simmer Down,	Bunny Lee, Lee
		of Caribbean influence mixed with	Israelites, A message to You	"Scratch" Perry, The
		American R & B to produce Ska, an	Rudie, Ghost Town, I shot the	Skatallites, The Wailers,
		early form of Jamaican pop. Slowing	Sheriff, Buffalo Soldier, Legalize	Bob Marley, Jimmy Cliff,
		the tempo and style of Ska produced	It, Sittin In Limbo, Calling	Peter Tosh, Sly ad
		Rock steady and then Reggae, fuel by	Rastafari, Marcus Garvey.	Robbie, Burning Spear,
		political evolution to what it is today.		Buju Banton.
Other break off	1970 - ?	New styles of pop music in modern	Dub, Blue Beat, Dance Hall,	311, Shaggy Daddy
of Ska &		time have tried to mix reggae and	Reggaeton, Ragga, Reggae	Yankee, Sublime, Pepper.
Reggie		other styles.	Fusion.	