

Q&A for Birth of Rock 'n' Roll Course Grades 6-8

Note to Teachers: These questions serve as a guideline for the Birth of Rock n' Roll course. Please work through them at the pace of the class, keeping each Q&A section to no more than 3 minutes. Music In Life lesson can take up to 5 minutes. Please encourage the students to move their bodies if they feel like it.

Pre- Course Questions

1. **Raise your hand if you listen to Rock 'n' Roll music?**
2. **Do you or anyone you know play an electric musical instrument? What instrument?**
3. **What instruments do you think are played in Rock n' Roll music?**

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Part 1 (History and Fun Fact 1)

1. **What radio personality coined the phrase “Rock 'n' Roll?”**
Suggested answer: Alan Freed
2. **What styles of music influenced Rock 'n' Roll?**
Suggested answer: Pop, country and western, and rhythm and blues
3. **How did people listen to music back in the 1950s and 60s?**
Suggested answer: radio, TV, concerts
4. **How do you listen to music?**
Suggested answer: TV, computer, radio, iPod, iTunes, YouTube, Spotify etc.
5. **What influenced the growth of Rock n' Roll?**
Suggested answer: TV
6. **What TV show launched in 1957? What would you see on American Bandstand?**
Suggested answers: American Bandstand; You could see new bands, singers, music and dances
7. **What were some of dances of the 1950s and 60s?**
Suggested answer: Mashed Potato, Twist, Hand Jive

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Part 2 (Rock n' Roll Instruments, Styles, and Fun Fact 2)

1. **What are some of the instruments of Rock 'n' Roll?**
Suggested answer: piano, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, voice, organ
2. **Who invented the first affordable electric guitar?**
Suggested answer: Leo Fender and Doc Kaufman
3. **What is the single most important instrument in Rock n' Roll?**
Suggested answer: The electric guitar
4. **What are some of the styles of Rock 'n' Roll?**
Suggested answer: Rockabilly, Doo Wop, Blues, Folk, Garage Rock
5. **What genres or styles of music influenced Rock n' Roll?**
Suggested answer: Blues, Country and folk
6. **Why did people call it Garage Rock?**
Suggested answer: sounded like the music was created in a garage – the sounds were raw

Music in Life Lesson (Active Listening Exercise)

Note to the Teacher: Before starting this exercise, talk to the students about how music is a very personal experience and that what they feel when listening to a piece of music can be different from someone else. It is important for them to understand how music makes them feel and how they should use music in their life as a tool to better themselves academically, athletically, behaviorally and artistically.

Instructions to the Students: You will be listening to part of a song by called “Ob La Di, Ob La Da” performed by The Beatles. Close your eyes and think about how the music makes you feel and what activity you would do while listening to this song. When the music finishes I will ask you to share with the rest of the class how the music made you feel and what activity you would do while listening to this song. When the music is playing, please do not talk so that everyone is able to hear the music.

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Questions for Music in Life Lesson

1. How did the music make you feel?
2. What activity would you do while listening to this song?
3. Raise your hand if you would like to play this style of music.
4. Did the music connect you to a memory – if so what?

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Part 3 (Rock n’ Roll Artists of the 1950s and Fun Fact 3)

1. Have any of you heard of these musicians before today? If so, who?
Suggested answers: Jerry Lee Lewis, The Chantels, Ritchie Valens, Little Richard, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley
2. What two musicians were two great piano players we saw in the video?
Suggested answer: Jerry Lee Lewis and Little Richard
3. What was the name of the female “doo wop” group?
Suggested answer: The Chantels
4. What musician was the pioneer of Chicano and Latin Rock?
Suggested answer: Ritchie Valens
5. Who is the King of Rock and Roll?
Suggested answer: Elvis Presley
6. All of the featured artists were very young. Why do you think the youth led this music revolution?

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Part 4 (Rock n’ Roll Artists of the 1960s)

1. Have any of you heard of these musicians before today? If so, who?
Suggested answers: The Beatles, The Byrds, The Beach Boys, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Grace Slick, Jefferson Airplane, Hermans Hermits, The Rolling Stones
2. What band originally called themselves the Quarryman?
Suggested answer: The Beatles
3. Who do most people think was the greatest rock guitar player of all time?
Suggested answer: Jimi Hendrix
4. What Rock 'n'Roll band has been performing for over 50 years and is still performing today?
Suggested answer: The Rolling Stones
5. How many number one hits did the Beatles have?
Suggested answer: 27
6. What two groups are considered the greatest rock bands of all time?
Suggested answer: Beatles and Rolling Stones
7. What artist from this course would you like to learn more about? (see artist list above)

Take the final minutes to talk to the students about the handouts that are going to be sent home (Sound Bites and Activity Sheet). Encourage them to discuss the Sound Bites with their parents/guardians and to share with them some facts that they learned from the class.

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