



Rock music over the decades

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1970s

- ▶ Bands: Pink Floyd, Led zeppelin, The Rolling Stones, Queen, Fleetwood mac, Aerosmith, Ramones, AC/DC, kiss, Sex Pistols
- ▶ The 1970s was one of the golden decades of rock music as some of the biggest bands of all time came to life. All the instruments used today were around back then. Synthesizers where increasing in popularity as technology was improving and they were becoming better quality. This decade was when rock became more popular then any other genre in music.
- ▶ Top 5 songs
 - ▶ 1 – Sex Pistols – God save the queen
 - ▶ 2 – Fleetwood Mac – Go your own way
 - ▶ 3 – Aerosmith – dream on
 - ▶ 4 – David Bowie – heroes
 - ▶ 5 – Ramones – blitzkrieg Bop

1980s

- ▶ Bands: U2, Queen, Iron Maiden, The rolling Stones, Bon Jovi, Guns n Roses, INXS, Joy Division, The Police, Aerosmith
- ▶ Memorable decade in rock as this is the decade rock music really gained momentum. Hard rock and Heavy Metal became prominent. The charts were dominated by Michael Jackson in the 80s however Joy divisions "Love will Tear us apart again was no1 on the charts for 8 weeks running.
- ▶ Top 5 songs
 - ▶ 1 – Michael Jackson – Billie jean
 - ▶ 2 – Michael Jackson – thriller
 - ▶ 3 – U2 – With or Without you
 - ▶ 4 – Michael Jackson – beat it
 - ▶ 5 – Joy division – Love will tear us apart

1990s

- ▶ Bands: Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Radiohead, Foo Fighters, Green day, Red hot Chili Peppers, Lenny Kravitz, U2
- ▶ This decade was massive in alternative rock. Indie rock and grunge rock controlled this decade with nirvana and Radiohead being the front runners for those genres. Other mainstream bands from the 80s like Aerosmith, INXS, U2 and Queen still thrived. U2 had a total of 37 weeks with multiple songs at number 1
- ▶ Top 5 songs
 - ▶ 1 – U2 – mysterious ways
 - ▶ 2 – Lenny Kravitz – Fly away
 - ▶ 3 – Nirvana – Smells Like teen spirit
 - ▶ 4 – Radiohead – creep
 - ▶ 5 – U2 - One

today

- ▶ Rock music is not nearly as influential today as it was in the past. However it is still one of the biggest genres in music. Big bands of the past still get massive amounts of listeners and fans every day and the golden era of rock and roll has not been forgotten.