

Rock music is a broad [genre](#) of [popular music](#) that originated as "[rock and roll](#)" in the United States in the late 1940s and early 1950s, developing into a range of different styles in the mid-1960s and later, particularly in the United States and United Kingdom.^[3] It has its roots in 1940s and 1950s rock and roll, a style that drew directly from the [blues](#) and [rhythm and blues](#) genres of [African-American music](#) and from [country music](#). Rock also drew strongly from a number of other genres such as [electric blues](#) and [folk](#), and incorporated influences from [jazz](#), [classical](#), and other musical styles. For instrumentation, rock has centered on the [electric guitar](#), usually as part of a rock group with [electric bass guitar](#), [drums](#), and one or more singers. Usually, rock is song-based music with a ⁴

⁴ [time signature](#) using a [verse–chorus form](#), but the genre has become extremely diverse. Like pop music, lyrics often stress romantic love but also address a wide variety of other themes that are frequently social or political. Rock was the most popular genre of music in the [United States](#) and much of the Western world from the 1950s to the 2000s.