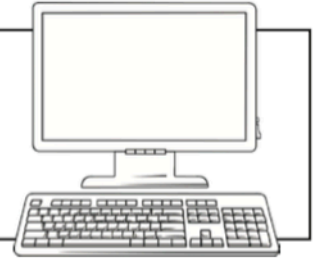


The Effects of Slavery on Blues Music

Research the effects slavery had on Blues music. Try to fill the space below, about 200-300 words.

Tips

- Ensure your research comes from a reputable source – sites with an author, an article title and a publication date will usually be more accurate.
- Try to use at least two different sources.



Comment on the following:

The effects of slavery on Blues music.

When and where Blues music developed.

The connection between work songs and Blues.

Strong influences on Blues music.

Well-known performers.

The Blues music emerged in the late 19th-early 20th century, among African-Americans in the Southern United States, particularly in the Mississippi Delta region. It was a means of catharsis and a way to convey the pain and sorrow in the face of the challenging circumstances they were facing. The lyrics in early Blues songs often reflected the experience of African-Americans under slavery and its aftermath. The musical techniques and styles of the Blues were influenced by the musical traditions brought to the United States by enslaved Africans, such as call-and-response patterns, rhythms, and the use of the pentatonic scale. As African-Americans transitioned out of slavery during the Reconstruction Era, the Blues served as a means of cultural expression and assertion of identity.



Here are some well known performers:

1. Ray Charles
2. B.B. King
3. Stevie Ray Vaughan
4. Bonnie Raitt
5. Wilson Pickett



Work Songs and Blues are two musical genres that originated in the African-American communities of the United States. Work songs were used by enslaved Africans to express their inner misery, to communicate, to synchronize, and to resist during their labor. Blues emerged in the late 19th century and early 20th, while Work Songs are characteristic of the 17th to the 19th century. Both genres are closely linked through their shared African-American cultural roots, musical elements, and common themes of struggle and survival, expressed through music to find solace. As the blues genre developed, it absorbed various musical influences such as The Work Songs, Jazz, Ragtimes, field hollers and many more.



Here are some songs for you to enjoy!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl0WRVE-H58>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_l6A7krjrQ
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4G5KtQynWvc>
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