

# Unit 1 The Roots of Rock and Roll

Content Area: **Music**  
Course(s): **Classic Rock**  
Time Period: **September**  
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## **Transfer**

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## **Enduring Understandings**

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Popular music reflects cultural norms, as well as, promoting new cultural ideas.

Cultural perspectives play a role in one's own creation of art.

Music is a basic form of communication and cultural expression.

## **Essential Questions**

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How did key trends and subgroups in 1950's society influence the development of rock and roll?

What forces in popular music shaped the music that was heard before rock was popular?

What was the impact of Country & Western music on popular music?

What were the primary instruments used by early rock artists?

How was Rhythm and Blues different from country and Pop?

What were the 12 bar blues, and why is it an important form in the history of rock and roll?

## **Content**

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### VOCABULARY:

Rhythm & Blues

Tin Pan Ally

12 bar blues

yodel

crooner

falsetto

## **Learning Objectives**

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Describe the key trends and subgroups in 1950s society influence the development of rock and roll?

Explain how popular music influenced the music that was heard before rock was popular?

Explain the impact of Country & Western (C&W) on popular music.

Identify the primary instruments used by early rock pioneers.

Explain how Rhythm & Blues (R&B) differs from country and Pop.

Identify the 12-bar blues

Describe how 12-bar blues was important in the history of rock.

## Standards

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VPA.1.2.12	All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures.
VPA.1.2.12.A	History of the Arts and Culture
VPA.1.2.12.A.1	Determine how dance, music, theatre, and visual art have influenced world cultures throughout history.
VPA.1.4.12	All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
VPA.1.4.12.A	Aesthetic Responses
VPA.1.4.12.A.1	Use contextual clues to differentiate between unique and common properties and to discern the cultural implications of works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.