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# Musical Styles Through The 20th Century

## Rock 'n' Roll

- Rock 'n' roll is a popular music style which came from America during the late 1940s and early 1950s.
- It developed out of other African American musical styles such as boogie woogie, blues, country music and gospel music.
- In the early 1940s, the saxophone or piano were often the lead instrument but this was replaced with the guitar in the 50s.
- The classic rock and roll sound is created with one or two electric guitars, an electric bass guitar, a string bass and drums.
- A very popular rock 'n' roll hit was 'Rock Around The Clock' by Bill Haley and The Comets.
- Another famous musician from this era was Elvis Presley who was known by many as the King of Rock And Roll. He had many hits such as 'Heartbreak Hotel' and 'Blue Suede Shoes'.
- Elvis recorded 40 top 10 songs and had 18 number one hits.

