

Music Genres Assignment

In a small group research one genre of music.

The focus is on *the origins* of this genre:

- Where did it begin?
- What music styles is it based on?
- Who were the pioneers of the genre?
- Why did this genre develop?

Also research *the traditions* of the genre:

- What instruments are primarily used?
- What is the sound like?
- What is the message / purpose of the genre?
- What are some of the most recognized early songs of the genre (classics)?

You will have two classes to work on the research and presentation.

Share the work evenly - everyone should research a portion and be responsible for presenting their research. Focus on the research before you start on the presentation.

In your class during the weeks of November 28 and December 5, your group will present their findings. **Be prepared for November 28.** We will get through as many as possible.

Make your presentation interesting for your classmates.

Be sure to include visuals, music and, if possible, short videos of musicians playing.

Some resources:

Blues: <https://www.allaboutjazz.com/a-brief-history-of-the-blues-by-ed-kopp.php>
<http://www.allaboutbluesmusic.com/the-origins-of-blues-music/>

Folk: http://folkmusic.about.com/od/historyoffolk/a/Folk_History.htm
<http://study.com/academy/lesson/what-is-folk-music-definition-artists-history.html>

Jazz: http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bhistory/history_of_jazz.htm
<http://www.redhotjazz.com/originsarticle.html>

Country and Western:
<http://countrymusic.about.com/od/trivia/tp/HistoryofCountryMusic.htm>
<http://www.press.uchicago.edu/Misc/Chicago/662845.html>

Rock: <https://www.rockhall.com/roots-and-definition-rock-and-roll>
<http://www.rockmusicimeline.com/1950s.html>

Latin American: <http://latinmusic.about.com/od/basics101/a/Latin-Music-History.htm>
<http://www.expanish.com/blog/2013/05/the-origins-and-influences-of-musical-styles-in-latin-america-part-one/>

Person Responsible	Question	Teacher Notes during Presentation
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Visuals:

Music:

Videos: