-Hip hop, also called, rap music or is a [music genre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_genre) consisting of a stylized rhythmic music that commonly accompanies [rapping](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rapping), a rhythmic and rhyming speech that is chanted.

-Hip hop as music and culture formed during the 1970s when [block parties](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Block_parties) became increasingly popular in [New York City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City), particularly among [African American](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African_American) youth residing in the [Bronx](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bronx).

-Block parties incorporated DJs who played popular [genres](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genre) of music, especially [funk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Funk) and [soul music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soul_music).

-[Rapping](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rapping), also referred to as [MCing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MCing) or emceeing, is a vocal style in which the artist speaks lyrically, in rhyme and verse, generally to an instrumental or synthesized [beat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beat_%28music%29).

-Sampling is the act of taking a portion, or [sample](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sampling_%28signal_processing%29), of one [sound recording](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sound_recording) and reusing it as an [instrument](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Musical_instrument) or a sound recording in a different song or piece.

-DJ Kool Herc and [Coke La Rock](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coke_La_Rock) provided an influence on the vocal style of rapping by delivering simple [poetry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poetry) verses over funk music breaks

-The first hip hop record is widely regarded to be [The Sugarhill Gang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Sugarhill_Gang)'s "[Rapper's Delight](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rapper%27s_Delight)", from 1979.

-The new school of hip hop was the second wave of hip hop music, originating in 1983–84 with the early records of [Run-D.M.C.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Run-D.M.C.) and [LL Cool J](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LL_Cool_J).

-Hip hop's "golden age" is a name given to the period between the mid 1980s and the early 1990s characterized by its diversity, quality, innovation and influence.

-Gangsta rap is a [subgenre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subgenre) of hip hop that reflects the violent lifestyles of inner-city American black youths.

-N.W.A is the group most frequently associated with the founding of gangsta rap.

-[MC Hammer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MC_Hammer) hit mainstream success with the multi platinum album [Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Please_Hammer%2C_Don%27t_Hurt_%27Em). The record reached #1 and the first single, "[U Can't Touch This](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U_Can%27t_Touch_This)" charted on the top ten of the [billboard hot 100](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billboard_hot_100).

-The East Coast–West Coast hip hop rivalry was a feud in the 1990s between artists and fans of the [East Coast hip hop](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Coast_hip_hop) and [West Coast hip hop](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Coast_hip_hop) scenes in the United States.

**-Rock and roll** is a genre of popular [music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music) that originated and evolved in the United States during the late 1940s and early 1950s, from a combination of blues, [country](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Country_music), [jazz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz), and [gospel music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gospel_music).

-In the earliest rock and roll styles of the late 1940s and early 1950s, either the piano or saxophone was often the lead instrument, but the guitar replaced these instruments in the late 1950s.

-Rock and roll arrived at a time of considerable technological change, soon after the development of the electric guitar, [amplifier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amplifier) and [microphone](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microphone), and the [45 rpm record](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/45_rpm_record). There were also changes in the record industry, with the rise of independent labels like [Atlantic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_records), [Sun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sun_Records) and [Chess](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chess_Records).

-It was the realization that white teenagers were listening to this music that led to the development of what was to be defined as rock and roll as a distinct genre.

-Rockabilly usually refers to the type of rock and roll music which was played and recorded in the mid 1950s by white singers such as [Elvis Presley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elvis_Presley), [Carl Perkins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Perkins) and [Jerry Lee Lewis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerry_Lee_Lewis), who drew mainly on the country roots of the music.

-In July 1954, Elvis Presley recorded the regional hit "That's All Right (Mama)" at Sam Phillips' [Sun Studio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sun_Studio) in Memphis.

-Many of the earliest white rock and roll hits were covers or partial re-writes of earlier black rhythm and blues or blues songs.

-Many British groups moved towards rock and roll and rhythm and blues from skiffle, like the [Quarrymen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quarrymen) who became [The Beatles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Beatles), producing a different form of rock and roll that carried them and many other groups to national success, this time period became known in America as the British Invasion.

**-Country music** is a genre of [American popular music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_popular_music) that began in the rural regions of the [Southern United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_United_States) in the 1920s and 20th century Canada.

-Country music often consists of ballads and dance tunes with generally simple forms and harmonies accompanied by mostly string instruments such as [banjoes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banjo), [electric](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electric_guitar) and [acoustic guitars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acoustic_guitar), [fiddles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fiddle), and [harmonicas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harmonica).

-[Atlanta's music scene](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Country_music_in_Atlanta) played a major role in launching country's earliest recording artists in the early 1920s many Appalachian people had come to the city to work in its cotton mills and brought their music with them.

-The [*Grand Ole Opry*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Ole_Opry) began airing in 1925 by [WSM-AM](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WSM_%28AM%29) in Nashville to the present day. The station’s 50,000 Watt signal (1934) could often be heard across the country.

-By the early 1950s a blend of Western swing, country boogie, and honky-tonk was played by most country bands.

-Hee Haw is an American [television](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Television) [variety show](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Variety_show) featuring [country music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Country_music) and humor with fictional rural Kornfield Kounty as a backdrop.

-Hee Haw aired on CBS-TV from 1969–1971 before a 20-year run in local [syndication](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Television_syndication).

-In the 1990s, country music became a worldwide phenomenon thanks to [Billy Ray Cyrus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billy_Ray_Cyrus) and [Garth Brooks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garth_Brooks).

-In 2005, country singer [Carrie Underwood](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carrie_Underwood) rose to fame as the winner of the fourth season of [*American Idol*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Idol) and became a multi-platinum selling recording artist and multiple [Grammy Award](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grammy_Award) winner.

-In 2010, the group [Lady Antebellum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lady_Antebellum) won five Grammys, including the coveted [Song of the Year](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grammy_Award_for_Song_of_the_Year) and [Record of the Year](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Record_of_the_Year) for "[Need You Now](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Need_You_Now_%28song%29)".

-Alternative rock is a genre of [rock music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock_music) that emerged from the [independent music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independent_music) of the 1980s and became widely popular by the 1990s.

-The term alternative was most commonly associated in its commercial heyday with a loud, distorted guitar sound.

-One of the first popular alternative rock bands, [R.E.M.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R.E.M.) relied on [college radio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campus_radio) airplay, constant touring, and a grassroots fanbase to break into the musical mainstream. (REM is also considered indie rock)

-Grunge is the close cousin of [alternative rock](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alternative_rock) and emerged during the mid-1980s in the American state of [Washington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_%28U.S._state%29), particularly in the [Seattle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle) area.

-Inspired by [hardcore punk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hardcore_punk), [heavy metal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heavy_metal_music), and [indie rock](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indie_rock), grunge is generally characterized by heavily [distorted](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distortion_%28music%29) [electric guitars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electric_guitar).

-The superstar group Nirvana put the grunge genre on the map.

-[Taylor Swift](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taylor_Swift)'s third multi-platinum album [Speak Now](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speak_Now) sold 1,041,000 copies in its first week.

-House music is a genre of [electronic dance music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electronic_dance_music) that originated in the [American](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States) city of [Chicago](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago) in the early 1980s.

-Dubstep is a genre of [electronic dance music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electronic_dance_music) that originated in [South London](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_London), [England](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/England), [United Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom). It’s sound is dominated by overwhelming bass lines and reverberant drum patterns.(play example)

-Contemporary Christian music is a genre of modern [popular music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popular_music) which is lyrically focused on matters concerned with the [Christian faith](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity).

-Today, the term is typically used to refer to the [Nashville, Tennessee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nashville%2C_Tennessee)-based [pop](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pop_music), [rock](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock_music), and [praise & worship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Contemporary_worship_music) Christian music industry.

-Toby mac formerly of DC talk is currently at the top of the Christian and main stream charts.

-Folk music includes both traditional music and the genre that evolved from it during the 20th century folk revival.

-In America we typically consider folk music to be our singer songwriter genre.

-The term singer-songwriter describes a distinct form of artistry, closely associated with the [folk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Folk_music)-acoustic tradition.