

Web-Unit “Music - made in the USA”

Worksheet

Exercise 1: The beginnings

In every text there's one mistake. Try to find it.

1 Mahalia Jackson

She was gospel's first superstar and many people think she was the greatest jazz singer who ever lived.

2 B.B. King

He's often called the king of the blues and he's one of the most important acoustic guitar players of all time. He's also a great singer.

3 Louis Armstrong

Louis Armstrong was the first important solo player in jazz. But he wasn't only an excellent saxophone player, he also sang and played parts in films.

4 Fats Domino

With his relaxed piano style and his friendly singing voice, Fats Domino sold more records than any other white musician of the 1950s. He was the most popular player of the New Orleans rhythm & blues sound.

5 Patsy Cline

Patsy Cline was one of the first successful female country singers and she made it easier for other men to make country records.

6 Elvis Presley

Some people think that Elvis Presley was the most important figure in American 20th-century classical music. He made rock'n'roll popular and sold more records than any other musician in the world.

Exercise 2: The 60s

Answer the following questions.

1 Aretha Franklin

- What title was Aretha Franklin given because of her many hits?
- Where did she start singing?

2 Stevie Wonder

- How old was Stevie when he began recording?
- Who wrote most of Stevie Wonder's singles?

3 Rolling Stones

- What did The Rolling Stones call themselves in the late 1960s?
- What's the name of the singer and frontman of the Rolling Stones?

4 Simon & Garfunkel

- Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel were the most successful folk-rock musicians of the 1960s. What were their main instruments?
- Which of the two wrote the songs?

5 Grateful Dead

- The Grateful Dead had a message. Three things were important in that message. Which were they?
- When did Jerry Garcia begin playing the guitar?

6 Canned Heat

- The two men who formed the blues-rock band, Canned Heat, had the same hobbies. What were they?
- Which big festivals did they play at?

7 Jimi Hendrix

- Jimi Hendrix died very young in 1970. For how many years was he a superstar?
- Hendrix was one of the greatest electric guitar players in the world. What strange things did he do with his guitar sometimes?

8 Scott McKenzie

- In his big hit song, *San Francisco*, what should you be sure to do?
- Was he that successful again after this hit?

Exercise 3: The 70s

Fill in the missing words.

1 Aerosmith

They were one of the most ... hard-rock bands of the 70s, and they set the style and ... of hard rock and heavy metal for two decades.

2 Steely Dan

The music of Steely Dan is a combination of jazz, traditional pop, ..., and rhythm & blues. For recording their compositions they hired ... musicians.

3 Santana

The band is named after Carlos Santana, who plays the lead ... The sound of Santana is very special because of the use of Latin ...

4 The Stylistics

The Stylistics were one of the leading Philly ... groups. During the early 70s, the band had 12 straight Top 10 hits. They were one of the smoothest and ... soul groups of their era.

5 The Eagles

The Eagles were among the most successful recording ... of the 1970s. At the end of the 20th century, two of their albums, *Eagles: Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975* and *Hotel California*, were ... the ten best-selling albums ever.

6 Joni Mitchell

Many people think that she's the most important female ... artist of the late 20th century, although her records never sold in the same ... as other stars.

7 Alice Cooper

Alice Cooper is the name of a band. Their heavy metal music was designed to ... They created a ... show with electric chairs, guillotines, fake blood, and huge boa constrictors.

8 Van McCoy

He was a producer and ... and had a long career in rhythm & blues, soul, and dance music, although he's best ... for his song "The Hustle".

9 Sly and the Family Stone

Their music was a brilliant ... of soul, rock, rhythm & blues, psychedelia and funk. The members of this band were men and women, Blacks and Whites, making them the first fully integrated group in rock's ... , so they called themselves a family.

10 New York Dolls

They created punk rock ... there was a name for it. Their performances influenced a ... of musicians in New York and London, who all went on to form punk bands.