

POPULAR MUSIC TIMELINE

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- 1824 Beethoven debuts Symphony No. 9
- 1861–1865 Civil War
- 1865 Slavery Abolished
- 1870–1917 American Indian Boarding Schools Subsidized by US Gov't
- 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act
- 1890 Battle of Wounded Knee
- 1893 Dvorak debuts New World Symphony
- 1893 Americans overthrow Hawaii
- 1898 Spanish American War
- 1898 Americans raise flag in Puerto Rico
- 1907 Eugenics
- 1913 Harriet Tubman Dies
- 1913 Stravinsky debuts Rite of Spring
- 1916 Scott Joplin – Maple Leaf Rag
- 1914–1918 WORLD WAR I**
- 1920 Electric Guitar was Invented
- 1920 Women get the right to vote
- 1920 Mamie Smith – Crazy Blues
- 1929–1939 GREAT DEPRESSION**
- 1935 Disability protest results in WPA jobs
- 1939–1945 WORLD WAR 2**
- 1937 Disney releases Snow White
- 1939 Billie Holiday Sings Strange Fruit
- 1941 Bombing of Pearl Harbor
- 1942–1946 Japanese Internment
- 1958 Richie Valens – La Bamba
- 1959 Paul Anka – Put Your Head on My Shoulder
- 1955–1975 VIETNAM WAR**
- 1955 Rosa Parks sits in front of bus
- 1960–1970 RED POWER MOVEMENT**
- 1960 Cuban Embargo begins
- 1963 March on Washington
- 1964 Nina Simone – Mississippi Goddam
- 1965 Beatles – Help!
- 1964 Sam Cooke – A Change is Gonna Come
- 1966 BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOUNDED**
- 1967 Aretha Franklin releases Respect
- 1967 Interracial Marriage Legalized
- 1968 The Architectural Barriers Act
- 1968 Martin Luther King Assassinated
- 1969 Woodstock
- 1969 James Brown – Funky Drummer
- 1969–1971 Occupation of Alcatraz
- 1973 Occupation of Wounded Knee
- 1973 Birth of Hip Hop (DJ Kool Herc's Party)
- 1975 The Who's Tommy Movie
- 1977 Queen – We are the Champions
- 1980 Blue Brothers Movie
- 1981 AIDS EPIDEMIC BEGINS**
- 1983 Cyndi Lauper – Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
- 1986 Beastie Boys – License to Ill
- 1991 Bikini Kill – Revolution Girl Style Now!
- 1991 Freddie Mercury dies from AIDS
- 1991 Nirvana – Nevermind
- 1994 Spice Girls hit the scene
- 1995 Selena Assassinated
- 1999 Ricky Martin – Shake Your Bon Bon
- 1999 Backstreet Boys – I Want it that Way
- 2004 9/11
- 2005 Rosa Parks Dies
- 2009 Obama starts lifting Cuban Embargo
- 2012 Trayvon Martin murdered
- 2012 Same Love by Macklemore Released
- 2014 Mike Brown and Eric Garner murdered
- 2015 Same sex marriage legalized
- 2016 Dakota Access Pipeline
- 2016 TRUMP ELECTED AS PRESIDENT**
- 2017 Hurricane Maria hits Puerto Rico
- 2018 Janelle Monae releases Dirty Computer