

What decade were the Beatles releasing music in?

Timelines - 1940's—2000's

Key vocabulary

melody, accompaniment, chord sequence, Gated Reverb, swing, decade, influence, verse-chorus-verse structure, loops, samples, synthesised sounds, timbre, texture, structure, tempo, dynamics, pitch, duration, genre

Must—know knowledge

- Most common song structure Verse-Chorus-Verse form.
- Name and plot influential artists in popular music history on a timeline including Backstreet Boys, The Beatles, ABBA, Queen, Louis Armstrong, Elvis Presley
- Understand decades and music style



Must—Skills

- Listen actively to music from **1940s–2025** and identify musical features (tempo, rhythm, timbre, texture).
- Keep a **steady pulse** and perform **rhythmic patterns** through body percussion and movement.
- Compare music across decades and explain **how music changes over time**.
- Place key artists (including **The Beatles**) accurately on a **timeline**.
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Music decades

- o **1940s:** Big band and jazz
- o **1950s:** Rock 'n' Roll (Elvis)
- o **1960s:** The Beatles, Motown (**answer decade**)
- o **1970s:** Disco, rock (ABBA, Queen)
- o **1980s:** Synth/electronic pop
- 1990s–2025:** Diverse global pop styles

Key Musicians

Louis Armstrong, Elvis Presley/Chuck Berry, Beatles Jackson 5, ABBA/Queen, Phil Collins, Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls.