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Music Lesson 1

influenced
cultures
popular

pop
evolved
experts

elements
spread

genres
USA

ghetto
combined

Many of the popular music genres we have today were formed from a mix of European and African musical traditions. Many of these popular _____ started in the _____ in the past century. This is because the USA is a young country with a mix of many different _____ from around the world.

The most popular music genre is _____ music. This music started in the 1950s in the USA and the UK. Pop is a mixture of other popular music genres. It is constantly changing to include new genres and changes in culture. Because it mixes the _____ from different popular genres, it is number one.

Hip-hop and rap are the second most popular genres. These genres started in the 1980s. Rap combined spoken English with electronic music. The first rappers used sharp rhymes and rough sounds to talk about the hard life in the _____. It has since changed in many ways and is much more popular all over the world. Hip-hop _____ rap and pop. It has _____ other genres and changes quickly due to social media and the internet.

Rock music is the third most _____ genre. There are many different types of rock music. Rock _____ from blues music and became popular in the 1950s. It became very popular in the USA first and then in Great Brittian. From London, it started to _____ all over Europe and then to the rest of the world. It was once the most popular genre but has since lost popularity. Many _____ think it will continue to lose fans as other genres steal those fans away.