

The Rock and Roll Movement

"I know its only Rock and Roll, but I like it." ~ Rolling Stones

Task: Create a website and play list that reflects the political and social change from 1950s to 1990s America.

Step 1~ A Look Back: The Cultural Landscape

What was each decade's culture like? Choose topics that exemplify cultural and political changes Create a multimedia page for each decade (50s-90s).

Include:

- Overview of the culture of the decade
- Origins of major issues
- People or groups involved in the movement to change that issue
- Progress made on that issue
- Social backlash to the movements
- Long term impact of the movements

Ideas to consider – though feel free to come up with your own:

- Nuclear power and warfare
- Vietnam War
- Changing Role of Women
- Civil Rights
- Start of the Environmental Movement
- Free speech and press
- Drugs and Counterculture
- US and the Middle East

Step 2 ~ Pop Culture as History:

Create a playlist that highlights each decade. Include at least 2 songs on your playlist from each decade that typify mainstream culture. Analyze the lyrics to show how your choices illustrate the era and the topic. Consider the tone, audience, cultural norms and cultural events that might have shaped those songs.

Step 3 ~ Create an album cover: that reflects the spirit of your song choices and the eras that they represent. Look to other examples of album covers and art from the era for inspiration.

Citations:

Cite all sources IN TEXT using MLA format. For all songs: Cite the artist and year of release.