


How Music has changed Throughout the years and what impact it has had on the world

Hello everyone my name is Theodore Lehmann and today I will be telling you about my capstone on how music has changed throughout the years and how it has impacted people throughout the world. Now you're probably wondering how did this occur? Well I'll tell you how!

Music mainly became accessible during the 1920s due to radios. Jazz was one of the more popular genres at the time mainly because Jazz was created in New Orleans by the different mixture of racial ethnicity. New Orleans jazz seems to express the sounds of joy as it mixed the shared culture of

Haitian and african americans to create something that all people can relate to especially when it comes to their music. New Orleans Jazz was first created when a bandleader named Charles “Buddy” Bolden “an "uptown" cornetist whose charisma and musical power became legendary.”

One example of Charles Bolden's works is his song Making Runs, a song that uses a very powerful rhythm meaning it has a strong umph in it and is very joyful yet energetic. An example of this is  Makin' Run(0:20 -0:40 seconds) when the trumpets are playing so energetically.

Jazz further developed from 1895 after Charles Bolden started a group of his own and spent the next decade “entertaining dancers throughout the city” which brought Jazz into history. An article on New Orleans Jazz History


published by the National Park Service wrote “Dancing had long been a mainstay of New Orleans nightlife, and Bolden’s popularity was based on his ability to give dancers what they wanted.”

Charles “Buddy” Bolden was later succeeded by a cornetist Named Freddie Keppard.

Keppard was younger than Buddy Bolden but older than Louis “Satchel” Armstrong when he started. Keppard shined shoes to get music teaching from some of his favorite musicians, and because of this Keppard did not get any traditional music teaching and had to learn how to play music on his own. Freddie Keppard and his brother Louis performed as a duo in their community. One of Keppards most known works is cutie blues, a song that uses slow

moving rhythm and uses new Orlean sounds. One example is  Cutie Blues(0:40-0:60 seconds).

Keppard and his brother became band leaders and largely impacted the New Orleans Jazz scene within their orchestra groups. Freddie Keppard introduced jazz as a world renown music art but also was one of the first musicians to bring New Orleans jazz outside its comfort zone. Keppard is one of the best jazz musicians but he was next to nothing compared to Louis “Satchel” Armstrong a man who had such a strong yet smooth voice which made him a great Louis Armstrong was one of the the most influential figures in Jazz music because of how he was able to develop the swing rhythm method and bring jazz as well as the different styles of music to what it is today. One of Louis Armstrong most famous works is “When

The saints go Marching In” a song that symbolizes joy in the world hereafter and that death is not the end for it is merely the ending of one chapter and the beginning of another. An example is  Louis Armstrong - When The Saints Go Marching In (0:33 seconds) when the trumpets are playing loudly.

New Orleans wasn't the only place known for jazz during the jazz era (the roaring twenties) jazz was later known in places like Chicago and New york.

Now Jazz truly is great but it mainly came from New Orleans Jazz and swing which paved the way for Jazz's sub-genres. Now you see Jazz has evolved into much more advanced types of jazz methods since it was first introduced such as Jazz fusion, a mix of rock and electronic music as well as smooth jazz, a genre that uses smooth sounds to calm one's

inner self. Other types of jazz include Hard Bop, Modal Jazz, Free Jazz, Bossa Nova, Jazz Fusion, Smooth Jazz, Latin Jazz, Afro-Cuban Jazz, and more.

Music is known because of the era's they come from such as the 1920s and 30s because it's when they were introduced into the world. This is mainly because of the great depression, a hard, difficult time for the workforce yet Jazz music was able to thrive due to people being more determined to enjoy themselves through the smooth, mellow, yet groovy sounds that Jazz is.

One of the 1920s most known jazz artists Ma Rainey sought to change things for black people for the better through her music by breaking racial barriers using her own experiences, her emotions as well as the emotions of many black women to

express empathy, rage, and conviction through her music to truly accomplish what she set out to do. An example is

 Gertrude 'Ma' Rainey - Prove It On Me Blues Ma Rainey's jazz style extended from blues to early jazz (0:20-0:40 seconds).

Jazz has been known throughout many decades such as the 20s, 30s, and 40s. However it became more known within the 50s and 60s due to the likes of Jazz Artists John Coltrane, Ray Charles, Miles Davis, Nina Simone and many others.

These artists took Jazz to a whole new level because Nina Simone sang vocal jazz with such strength and calmness as if she were relaxed yet she put in all of her emotions of african american people's rights into her music.

One of her most known songs is “Strange Fruit” a song that is calm yet smooth as well as very mellow. Not only that but the

song talks about social justice. One such song is

▶ Nina Simone - Strange Fruit (0:37-0:57 seconds).

Now John Coltrane created his music in ways that were smooth, yet melodious because he used instruments such as the saxophone and piano to express his music and not always words therefore creating music that was groundbreaking yet synonymous with style. An example of this is

▶ John Coltrane - In A Sentimental Mood John Coltrane was mainly known for hard bop and bebop for his jazz styles (0:20-0:40 seconds).

Miles Davis was in a way the same but his music was more energetic and spontaneous than that of John Coltrane even though nobody would realise this with Davis and Coltrane partnering on a few of their works. ▶ Miles Davis Sextet - Dig

is an example. Miles Davis was known for cool jazz,model jazz and jazz fusion when it came to his jazz styles.

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Now in the Modern day era of music Jazz is in more demand than ever for it expresses one's soul in its smoothness as well as its templated melody's. One of these artists is Esperanza Spalding, a fellow jazz musician of our era who expresses such coolness yet soothing sounds within her jazz music therefore showing just who she is as a musician as well as a person.

Today Jazz uses rhythm within many different types of music genres but it also allows the musicians to fully express themselves within their souls and within their cultures.

Not only that but Jazz's basics was the make-up for music like hip-hop because of how jazz influenced when it came to the interpretation of jazz's elements into hip hop productions. pop and rock because of the different styles but also because of how it used the third, fifth and octave while also using the different chord progressions in those music genres.

Jazz music impacted social attitudes mainly with women's civil rights specifically giving women more opportunities as musicians but places such as jazz clubs, dance halls and speakeasies became safe places for women where they could express themselves as individuals while getting away from the discrimination of men's standards for them.

Not only that but these safe places allowed women to communicate with others allowing them to share their

experiences and form a sort of sisterhood. Jazz influenced the civil rights movement by giving activists a platform to get their message out but it also caused jazz musicians to create music that challenged racism. An example of social justice is Nina Simone's cover of the song Strange Fruit (it was originally done by Billie Holiday) which is about protesting against the Lynching of black people.

Jazz influenced fashion mainly in the 1920s due to the type of dancing as well as how it impacted women when it came to style. Not only that but it allowed women to express what they were feeling in the different styles of clothes. However Jazz influenced what Fashion looked like by the rhythms of the music as well as the spirit of the smooth yet empowering and rebellious style that it is therefore giving people freedom to

express themselves. Now as to how Jazz influenced fashion clothing wise is by making it more dance based such as shorter hemlines for better legwork when women were dancing as well as better silk-like fabrics.

Jazz Impacted literature by causing writers to use it in poetry such as integrating the flow of the music as well as the sounds into their poems. One example of this was Langston Hughes who used many of jazz's qualities into his poetry such as integrating blues, the type of energy that jazz uses. Not only that but Jazz impacted the themes associated with Literature as well as its creative style by giving people of all ethnic backgrounds a platform to express themselves both musically and poetically.

One of the specific groups that jazz has influenced is Cinema mainly when it comes to the narrative, how it uses sound in such strong yet dramatic ways as if it were Beethoven's fifth. Not only that but it has influenced the film Genre known as film noir, a type of detective film where it uses jazz for the settings as well as the chapters of the film. One type of music that isn't always quickly noticed is music that is used to fight social injustice one example of this is a song called "A change is Gonna Come by Sam Cooke which expresses the message of social justice and that change must happen for african americans as well as all people of color. However "A change is Gonna Come" isn't entirely jazz but draws inspiration from it therefore infusing one genre with another in order to make great music.


The impact that jazz had on the world was through music but it also impacted literature, fashion. Not only that but jazz has shaped African Americans as a culture by giving black people a place for them to express their individuality, to express their culture through composing poetry, expressing themselves as well as the stories of their lives and their cultural stories.

In the coming decades since Jazz was introduced to the world, it has become one of the most favored music genres, however there is a music genre that is perhaps more popular, Rock n roll, mainly because of its hardrocking, emotional, yet powerful sounds that rock produces, as well as it becoming more enjoyed than jazz in the past 50 or so years.


Rock n roll first emerged in the 50s due to blues music. therefore somehow producing the music that Rock n roll is through a combination of blues, country and gospel music. Therefore developing rock and roll music in the city of Memphis, Tennessee the birthplace of rock.


It became more well known due to Elvis Presly the king of rock n roll and Chuck Berry because of them Rock was introduced and it made its way onto the mainstream paving the way for future rock n roll singers and artists. As said prior, music expresses people's emotions in their songs. This includes rock n roll because it allows people to express their anger, their despair into a form of expressive-like art that everyone around them can enjoy, such as a “Grateful Dead” concert.

The most influential types of rock and roll music are Afro, Punk, heavy metal, hard rock, alternative and much more mainly because of how the music allows the younger population to express their rebellious emotions against social injustice. Not only that but it created a cultural melting pot where the music of African Americans was mixed with white country music. A specific rock genre that uses this is Rockabilly and an artist is Elvis Presly. Punk rock is known for incorporating the strong powerful elements of anger within one's soul into something truly smashing. This was mainly through how the musicians or band members used their creativity and political events that were happening at the time or other social issues, such as to express the message of anti-monarchy ("God save the queen by the Sex Pistols",

linked here  Sex Pistols - God Save the Queen 0:21-0:41 seconds). The Sex Pistols, a punk rock band, were known for being a strong yet passionate punk rock band that incorporated politics into their music in such entertaining yet amusing ways.

Now British people helped introduce punk rock, but there are others who are known for punk rock, such as American punk rock bands like the Talking Heads, who are known for their funky punk-like style music. Rock n roll became more popular in the 1980s due to new wave music taking off with the likes of Foreigner, Blondie, New Edition, Billy Joel, Guns N Roses, and so many more great artists who created their music with their feelings, great rhythm but also what they had to bring to the table as artists.

For example,  Foreigner - Double Vision (Official Music Video) (0:30-0:50 seconds). Foreigner's style of rock was heavy and hard rock that got the audience going in such exciting ways. This was due to how the band used such immense energy but also due to the vocal power of the lead singer Kelly Hanson.

Guns and Roses style of rock was hard rock which was able to get the audience going in such passionate ways. This was due to the great combination of Axl Rose's vocalisation and Guitarist Slash's unique Guitaring. A popular song is  Guns N' Roses - Sweet Child O' Mine (Official Music Video) (0:32-0:52 seconds).

Billy Joel's style of rock was soft rock and rock which meant he was smooth yet cool because of how he incorporated soft rock with hard rock such as the playing the piano with

hard rocking sounds.

▶ Billy Joel - All for Leyna (Official HD Video) is a song that shows this (0:32-0:52 seconds).


Ainsly Dwyer From Coppell Student Media said “Towards the end of the 2000s, the popularity of rock music went down for the first time since the 1950s. The early 2010s is considered the prime for pop music. The reason for the decline in rock music is likely due to many iconic rock stars retiring or bands disbanding.” This means that rock bands and rock artists are not as popular as they were thirty or forty years ago because pop, r and b is trending more than that genre. Not only famous rock artists have either retired or passed away in recent years like David Bowie.

Rock and roll impacted the world by causing the younger generation to challenge society and become more rebellious. Not only that but it was able to bring black people and white people to work simultaneously and go up against racial discrimination during the civil rights movement as well as remove barriers between people of color creating some type of unification for them as individuals as well as a nation. However Rock music broke barriers through a combination of blues and gospel music fusing african american and white people's music into something entirely different. Rock and Roll has impacted the world in many different ways such as fashion where artists like Elvis Presley who was known for wearing cool shirts, trousers and jumpsuits.

One other example of rock and roll influencing fashion is Elton John who brought flair and style to fashion such as having feather headpieces and glasses as well as having fur in his costumes. This therefore impacted society by creating funky yet flamboyant clothing that express his kind of style.

Now there is one music genre that is just as influential as rock and jazz hip hop, a music genre that incorporates rhyming, poetry, music beats but also literature-like writing. Hip hop was first introduced to the world in New York city during the 1970s due to the hard times of the Vietnam war ending. However despite this hip hop was able to come forth with the help of a little imagination and one of hip hop's pioneering artist DJ Kool Herc. DJ Kool Herc was able to create hip hop by simply spinning the same record on two

turnstile tables creating percussion breaks which was essential to creating hip hop music.

Hip hop became more known due to Master G and the sugarhill gang's song "Rapper's Delight" which was able to make Hip hop more of an extravagant experience during that time and era when hip hop was in it's beginnings. An example is  The Sugarhill Gang - Rapper's Delight (Official Video) (0:27-0:47 seconds).

When it comes to The Sugarhill Gang their style was mixed with disco,funk and hip hop because of how they were able to blend those styles together to create a new type of music that was cool. At the end of the 1970s hip hop became more of a mainstream music due to Rapper's Delight, Rapping and Rocking by Funky four plus one more", Christsmas rapping by

Kurtis Blow, to the best Y'all by Lady B that shaped Hip into what it became as a music Genre. The Kenndy center said that "The effect that night was electric, and soon other DJs in the Bronx were trying to outdo Herc. It was a code that has flowed through hip hop ever since: 1) Use skills and whatever resources are available to create something new and cool; 2) Emulate and imitate the genius of others but inject personal style until the freshness glows. Competition was, and remains, a prime motivator in the hip hop realm."

From there hip hop expanded with hip-hop artists like Big daddy kane, Kurtis Blow, Ice T, Doug E Fresh, Snoop Dogg, The Notorious B.I.G, Lil Wayne, Kendrick Lamar, Tupac Shaklar, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson and many others that made hip hop into what it is today. Hip hop has evolved into a

lifestyle by allowing people to express themselves through rapping, breakdancing as well creating art like street art. Now Hip Hop has influenced fashion by allowing people to express their uniqueness through streetwear as well as clothes that express rebellion as well as the message of who they are as artists, as well as the type of people they want to be known to the world as. Not only that but Hip-Hop has Influenced language creating new slang terms and expressions allowing people to interact with others in more expressive ways. Hip hop has influenced art not only through street art and breakdancing but also the modification of more defined visual arts.







One of The Funky Four Plus one More most known songs is “[Rapping and Rocking the house](#)” (0:21-0:41 seconds) a song that is very dynamic yet strong-going because of how the artist group uses the rhythm to get the audience going.

Today hip hop music is more of trap music and drill rap which focus more on energy. Drill Rap is a hip hop genre that discusses gangs as well as drug use in the creation of it and is more edgy and difficult mainly because of how it discusses actual events that happen in people's lives. Not only that but Drill Rap is more dark because of how it uses the different areas of organised crime in the lyrics therefore making it uncomfortable as well as inappropriate to younger audiences. Not only that but the music mainly flows only if the music companies are making profits off it. The record companies make profits by signing musicians both known and less known to the public but they also help them with their careers as well as produce earnings through a type of aid. They also are

“managing artists' master recordings and other intellectual property”.

Hip Hop has impacted global culture through activism, specifically people of color coming together as an organization to combat racism. Not only that but people are able to express activism through music by using the lyrics to express the artist's message. Now hip hop has influenced language by creating new words like dope but also using amusing language in music artists songs as well as comedy. Not only that but hip hop has created different types of slang words like lit,rizz,lowkey and Sus meaning suspicious. The impact that hip hop had on communities was giving people of color a way to express themselves as individuals but also creating safe

places for black people where they can enjoy themselves and collaborate with others.

Hip hop has made a global impact on the world by making hip hop music one of the most prominent music genre. It has also fused Rock and pop into new types of musical influences mainly because of the impact hip hop has had as a culture. Not only that but hip hop has impacted dancing by introducing breakdancing, Locking and popping, as well as house dance.

As Gracie Shelley explains in her online article “How has Music Changed Through the Years?” Music has become more controversial with people writing about their true opinions now. Some people make music to protest for their rights: LGBTQ+ individuals, people of color, and other marginalized

groups. There is also music people make to hate on these groups of people, and unfortunately, that will always happen.

Music has changed throughout the years due to how the artists have composed the different times of styles as well as how they've written the lyrics. When the artist's do this they are able to express themselves through their music therefore expressing who they are as people to the world.

Now you're probably wondering what does this have to do with how music has changed over the years? Well I'll tell you how! For you see, music was created by artists expressing themselves by pouring their emotions as well as their personal experiences into the lyrics of their songs.

However these artists did more than just use their emotions for their music they also used creativity and inspiration to

come up with their music such as the replacements for example.

The musician's style can range from hip hop to rock depending on how they wish to use it and how they intend to interest the audience such as using their creative form of style to make songs that are energetic, funky or even relaxing such as jazz.

Now Jazz is Important because it is smooth yet calming and expresses the soul but also uses such good rhythms this is due to jazz artists producing more strong and passionate music. Not only that but Jazz impacted the world by creating a very smooth yet energetic music genre that everyone can enjoy whether they are trying to relax, are listening to New Orleans Jazz or at a jazz club.

Now Rock and roll is important as a music genre because it expresses the hardness of the soul and allows the younger generation to rebel against society through hard-rocking music. Not only that but people are able to find joy in this type of music through the message of the artist but also because of how they simply enjoy listening to the music.

Now as to the impact rock music has had on society is that it has created stronger bridges between african americans and white people by fusing black music with white country music to create new yet diverse music.

Rock and roll also impacted fashion by introducing different types of clothes style that the rock artists wore like leather jackets,tight jeans and combat boots as well as clothes that were passionate and expressed who they were as

individuals therefore influencing the world in such powerful yet amazing ways.

Now Hip hip is important because the music allows the musicians to express themselves poetically and individuality but it also gives them a platform to express their message. Hip hop also expresses such strong and powerful culture such as the clothes that show such individuality as well as style and flair allowing the wearer to express the type of individual they wish to be seen and heard as.

Not only that but it created a new branch of culture such as literature, fashion, poetry but it also allowed many black people to find their voice as artists whether it was poetry, rapping, or creating street art it allowed them to find a safe place within the expression of hip hop.

This is why these music genres are most important to the world because it lets the visualiser to express themselves in new ways but also show the world who they are as individuals

These music genres are important because they are music that everyone can enjoy because jazz is so smooth, yet calm and energetic, that it expresses the soul, while also expressing joy through the calming sounds and lyrics of the songs.

Now rock music is enjoyable because it is so strong yet incredible that it gets the listener going crazy like they're at an AC/DC concert meaning they are rocking and dancing like nobody had ever seen before therefore making it why people enjoy rock and roll so much because of the robust energy it uses.

Now Hip hop is impactful because it allows african americans to express themselves as a culture through rapping and creating poetry, but it also creates a safe place for them to express themselves as the individuals they wish to be seen and heard as weather they are creating music, wearing a dope style of fashion or creating street art African Americans are able to enjoy themselves as people.

This is why these three music genres are impactful because it allows so many people to enjoy themselves but it also expresses that joyfulness through the impact of culture such as poetry,fashion,literature and art they are are able to express who they are and say it with pride because people of all cultures enjoy Jazz, rock and hip hop music even if a person

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