



1950s MUSIC TRIVIA

1. Who was known as the “King of Rock ’n’ Roll”?

- A. Chuck Berry
- B. Elvis Presley
- C. Buddy Holly
- D. Jerry Lee Lewis

2. Who sang “Johnny B. Goode”?

- A. Little Richard
- B. Fats Domino
- C. Chuck Berry
- D. Bo Diddley

3. Which song became a major rock ’n’ roll hit for Bill Haley & His Comets?

- A. Rock Around the Clock
- B. Great Balls of Fire
- C. Blue Suede Shoes
- D. That’ll Be the Day

4. Who sang “Tutti Frutti”?

- A. Ray Charles
- B. Little Richard
- C. Sam Cooke
- D. Elvis Presley

5. Which musician was known as The Big Bopper?

- A. Eddie Cochran
- B. Gene Vincent
- C. J. P. Richardson
- D. Frankie Avalon

6. Which vocal group recorded the hit “Lollipop”?

- A. The Ronettes
- B. The Chordettes
- C. The Shirelles
- D. The McGuire Sisters

7. Who sang “Great Balls of Fire”?

- A. Jerry Lee Lewis
- B. Carl Perkins
- C. Johnny Cash
- D. Roy Orbison

8. Who recorded the rock 'n' roll hit “La Bamba” in 1958?

- A. Ritchie Valens
- B. Bobby Darin
- C. Paul Anka
- D. Bobby Rydell

9. Which duo sang “All I Have to Do Is Dream”?

- A. The Everly Brothers
- B. The Righteous Brothers
- C. The Kalin Twins
- D. The Bellamy Brothers

10. Who originally recorded “Blue Suede Shoes”?

- A. Elvis Presley
- B. Carl Perkins
- C. Buddy Holly
- D. Eddie Cochran

11. Who had a major hit with “Mack the Knife” in 1959?

- A. Bobby Darin
- B. Dean Martin
- C. Perry Como
- D. Tony Bennett

12. What was the name of Buddy Holly's backing band?

- A. The Crickets
- B. The Fireballs
- C. The Shadows
- D. The Ventures

13. Who sang "Que Sera, Sera (Whatever Will Be, Will Be)"?

- A. Doris Day
- B. Patti Page
- C. Connie Francis
- D. Brenda Lee

14. Which musical style featured vocal groups singing rhythmic harmonies and sounds such as "doo-wop"?

- A. Bluegrass
- B. Doo-wop
- C. Bebop
- D. Country swing

15. Who released "Wake Up Little Susie" in 1957?

- A. The Everly Brothers
- B. The Louvin Brothers
- C. The Righteous Brothers
- D. The Isley Brothers

QUIZ SCORE

My score: _____ / 15

- 13–15: Rock 'n' Roll Legend!
- 10–12: Jukebox Superstar!
- 7–9: Golden Oldies Expert!
- 4–6: Rising Music Fan!
- 0–3: Time to spin some records!

ANSWER & FUN FACTS

1. B. Elvis Presley

Fun fact: Elvis became a cultural icon through hits such as “Hound Dog” and “Jailhouse Rock.” His energetic performances helped make rock ‘n’ roll a worldwide phenomenon.

2. C. Chuck Berry

Fun fact: “Johnny B. Goode” was released in 1958. Its famous guitar intro became one of the most recognizable sounds in rock music. A recording of the song was later included on the Voyager Golden Record sent into space.

3. A. Rock Around the Clock

Fun fact: The song became a huge hit after appearing in the 1955 film *Blackboard Jungle*, helping introduce rock ‘n’ roll to a wider teenage audience.

4. B. Little Richard

Fun fact: Little Richard recorded “Tutti Frutti” in 1955. His powerful vocals and energetic piano playing influenced generations of rock musicians.

5. C. J. P. Richardson

Fun fact: Known professionally as The Big Bopper, Richardson died on February 3, 1959, in the plane crash that also killed Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens. The tragic event became known as “The Day the Music Died.”

6. B. The Chordettes

Fun fact: The Chordettes were famous for their close vocal harmonies. Their other memorable hit, “Mr. Sandman,” was released in 1954.

7. A. Jerry Lee Lewis

Fun fact: Jerry Lee Lewis was famous for his wild piano performances. His nickname was “The Killer,” and his explosive stage presence made him one of early rock ‘n’ roll’s most exciting performers.

8. A. Ritchie Valens

Fun fact: Valens transformed the traditional Mexican folk song “La Bamba” into a rock hit. He was only 17 when he recorded it.

9. A. The Everly Brothers

Fun fact: Brothers Don and Phil Everly were renowned for their close vocal harmonies. Their sound influenced later artists, including The Beatles and Simon & Garfunkel.

10. B. Carl Perkins

Fun fact: Carl Perkins wrote and first recorded “Blue Suede Shoes” in 1955. Elvis Presley later recorded his own famous version.

11. A. Bobby Darin

Fun fact: Bobby Darin’s swinging version of “Mack the Knife” reached No. 1 on the US Billboard Hot 100. The song originated in the German musical *The Threepenny Opera*.

12. A. The Crickets

Fun fact: Buddy Holly and the Crickets helped popularize the classic rock-band lineup of guitars, bass, and drums, influencing countless bands that followed.

13. A. Doris Day

Fun fact: Doris Day sang “Que Sera, Sera” in Alfred Hitchcock’s 1956 film *The Man Who Knew Too Much*. The song won the Academy Award for Best Original Song.

14. B. Doo-wop

Fun fact: Doo-wop groups used their voices to imitate instruments and sang playful syllables such as “doo-wop” and “shoo-bop.” Many groups began singing together in schoolyards and on street corners.

15. A. The Everly Brothers

Fun fact: “Wake Up Little Susie” tells the story of a young couple who fall asleep at the movies and wake up late. Its lyrics were considered controversial by some radio stations at the time.

Have fun, and keep the rock 'n' roll alive! 🎵🎵