

RnR as a phenomenon of "re-colonization", a musical genre shaping across the Atlantic, ca. 1954-1964

Selected timeline

- 1931** – Electric guitar invented
- 1951** – March, Jackie Brenston and His Delta Cats record ‘Rocket 88’
- 1954** – April 12th, Bill Haley and His Comets record ‘Rock Around the Clock’
– July 5th, Elvis Presley records ‘That’s All Right (Mama)’
- 1955** – January 14th, Alan Freed organises the first ‘rock and roll’ concert
– March 19th, film ‘Blackboard Jungle’ premieres in New York
– May 21st, Chuck Berry records ‘Maybelline’
– September 3rd, Little Richard records ‘Tutti Frutti’
– December 19th, Carl Perkins records ‘Blue Suede Shoes’
- 1956** – March 24th, *Rock n’ Roll Dance Party* premieres with Alan Freed on CBS radio
- June 5th, Elvis performs ‘Hound Dog’ on *The Milton Berle Show*
- 1957** – February 8th, Bo Diddley records ‘Bo Diddley’
– February 25th, Buddy Holly records ‘That’ll Be The Day’
– July 6th, John Lennon and Paul McCartney meet
– August 5th, *American Bandstand* begins its 30 year syndicated run
– October 8th, Jerry Lee Lewis records ‘Great Balls of Fire’
– Little Richard ceases recording to become a minister
- 1958** – January 8th, Chuck Berry records ‘Johnny B. Goode’
– March 24th, Elvis joins the army
– Jerry Lee Lewis’ career is scandalised after he marries his cousin
- 1959** – February 3rd, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper die in a plane crash
– Chuck Berry arrested; legal issues remain until 1963
– Payola hearings begin
- 1960** – April 14th, Motown and Tamla merge to form Motown Record Corporation.
– April 17th, Eddie Cochran killed in a car crash
– August 1st, The Beatles make their debut in Hamburg
– Payola made illegal
- 1961** – January 15th, Motown records sign The Supremes
– October 3rd, The Beach Boys release ‘Surfin’, their debut single
- 1962** – April 7th, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards meet Brian Jones
- 1963** – February 22nd, ‘Please Please Me’ by The Beatles reaches #1 in the U.K.
– March 17th, The Kinks form
– November 22nd, *With The Beatles* is released in the U.K.
- 1964** – February 9th, The Beatles perform on *The Ed Sullivan Show*
– April 4th, The Beatles occupy all top 5 spots on the Billboard Chart
– August 26th, The Kinks release ‘You Really Got Me’
– September 5th, ‘The House of the Rising Sun’ becomes #1 in the U.S.
– October 25th, The Rolling Stones perform on *The Ed Sullivan Show*

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Selected Discography (available on Youtube)

1954: 'Rock Around The Clock' by Bill Haley and His Comets

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mZLpDuuf40>

'That's All Right (Mama)' by Elvis Presley

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlWIWA1YTBw>

1955: 'Maybelline' by Chuck Berry

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75RiHJGfyUE>

'Tutti Frutti' by Little Richard

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Co47Pj9hUFE>

'Blue Suede Shoes' by Carl Perkins

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yENF0NuIKQ>

1956: 'Hound Dog' by Elvis Presley

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXiulKlgGpg>

'Tutti Frutti' by Pat Boone

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0B0Ovmfw74>

'Long Tall Sally' by Little Richard

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9prOI4433M>

1957: 'That'll Be The Day' by Buddy Holly

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rk6YDzmqZ0I>

'Great Balls of Fire' by Jerry Lee Lewis

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpaQwbQ7NYg>

1958: 'Johnny B. Goode' by Chuck Berry

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWNYkOk2cke>

1961: 'Surfin'' by The Beach Boys

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2sfev-gu3I>

1964: 'I Want To Hold Your Hand' by The Beatles

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMNPPwq8I2Y>

'Long Tall Sally' by The Beatles

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66csXnFkmEU>

'You Really Got Me' by the Kinks

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dk3Ei_yoi4c

'The House of the Rising Sun' by The Animals

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmdPQp6Jcdk>