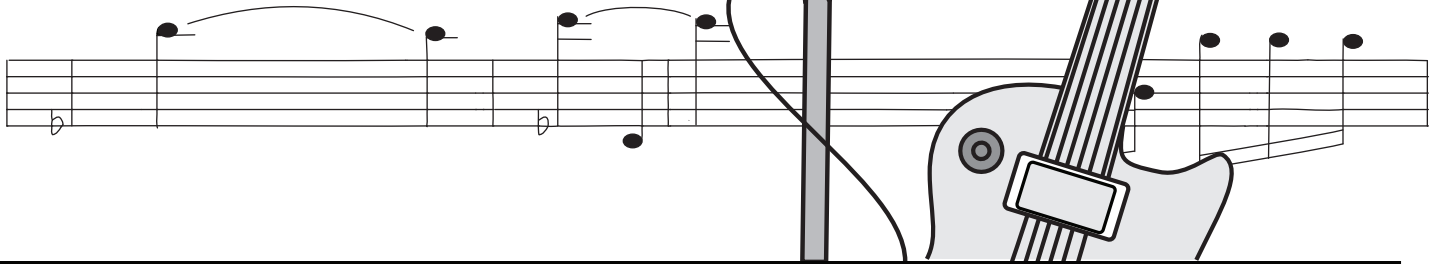


African-Americans in Pop Music:

SOUL



Soul music had its heyday in the mid and late 1960s with the rise in popularity of African-American groups and singers. Soul developed in inner cities with large African-American populations. It is heavily influenced by other traditionally African-American styles of music, joining the fast pace of rhythm and blues, and the intense, passionate delivery of gospel music. Soul is known for having honest and emotional lyrics that often reflect the African-American experience.

Pianist Ray Charles is said to have invented the kind of rhythmic music that would become soul. Probably the most famous soul singer is Aretha Franklin, who got her start during the soul music boom in the '60s. Her nickname to this day is "The Queen of Soul". In addition to her, many other legendary artists popularized soul music, like Otis Redding, Marvin Gaye, and Sam Cooke. Though it has always been influential on musicians, soul experienced a comeback in the late 2000s and early 2010s, when female singers began taking an interest in pioneering soul artists, and began embracing soul's confessional lyrics and powerful vocal style.

WORD SCRAMBLE!

Unscramble the letters to form the word that completes the sentence.

1. Aretha Franklin sang at the celebration of the _____ of President Barack Obama. URATININAUGO

2. Soul music often includes a _____ and _____ style, with vocals as well as with instruments, inspired by gospel music. LCAL SPONSEE

3. British singing sensation _____ has named classic soul music as one of her inspirations. LEADE

