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Subject: "Pop" Music

Posted by [miss zoey](#) on Thu, 07 Apr 2011 03:44:41 GMT

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What exactly defines pop music? Like artists who are considered pop: Lady Gaga, Backstreet Boys, Rihanna, Fountains of Wayne... Those artists are considered today's pop, whereas in older days, Frank Sinatra was considered pop. When someone tells me the genre of a certain artist is POP, I still have no idea what the artist sounds like.. Unlike if one says Country, or Jazz. There's a specificity to it.

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Subject: Re: "Pop" Music

Posted by [tiktokontheclock](#) on Mon, 11 Apr 2011 22:14:04 GMT

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That's a good question. Basically, pop music is music that is associated with a simple repeating melody/harmony, and strong vocals. It is also associated with relatively short songs, and emphasis is on getting it played on the radio.

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Subject: Re: "Pop" Music

Posted by [RadioDinosaur](#) on Wed, 20 Apr 2011 20:37:33 GMT

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That's a really good question. Yes, Pop would be one of many categories in the radio business, yet it's really not one. I think it was a catch all term for mainstream music. Pop is simply an abbreviation for Popular.

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Subject: Re: "Pop" Music

Posted by [BluesBrother77](#) on Thu, 05 May 2011 01:52:37 GMT

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Exactly right, pop is short for popular, so in all actuality any song or artist can be considered pop music. It is really a non-genre because it can include all genres.

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Subject: Re: "Pop" Music

Posted by [Adveser](#) on Sat, 14 May 2011 03:15:26 GMT

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That is true.

I can't believe people want to argue that Hip Hop is not a sub-genre of rock. Of course it is, unless

you are speaking strictly of the street-level unrehearsed performance, then I wouldn't call it music at all. More like a performance art.

Soul/Funk/R&B are also subgenres of rock, but are usually not considered as such because the Billboard charts were segregated until the 80's. Country music has long been mainstream pop/rock with certain stylistic exaggerations.

Jazz (not that stuff they play on the radio), Gospel, Blues, Opera and classical, among others do not function nor are they presented in the same manner at all as Rock music.

There's more genres than that, But IMO, pre-written commercial music with distinctly solitary songs is Rock music

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