

1960s music Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts Printable Trivia Pack

1960s music trivia explores a decade when popular music changed rapidly, as rock, soul, folk, and pop expanded their audiences and influence around the world. The era saw landmark acts such as The Beatles, The Supremes, Bob Dylan, and The Rolling Stones reshape charts, style, and youth culture. Expect questions that range from familiar hits to deeper cuts about the performers and moments that made the 1960s unforgettable.

HARD 1960S MUSIC TRIVIA

1. Which London recording facility served as a major site for many Beatles sessions during the 1960s?

Answer: Abbey Road Studios

2. Who improvised the organ part on Bob Dylan's 'Like a Rolling Stone'?

Answer: Al Kooper

3. During her major late-1960s breakthrough, Aretha Franklin recorded for which label?

Answer: Atlantic Records

4. Who produced Aretha Franklin's breakthrough Atlantic recordings?

Answer: Jerry Wexler

5. Which Rolling Stones founder was dismissed from the band in 1969?

Answer: Brian Jones

6. What group had broken up by 1968 despite helping launch the visibility of both Stephen Stills and Neil Young?

Answer: Buffalo Springfield

7. Who played a key role in bringing Jimi Hendrix to England and helping launch the Experience?

Answer: Chas Chandler

8. Creedence Clearwater Revival released which album in 1969?

Answer: Green River

9. Within Cream, which drummer had a notoriously tense relationship with Jack Bruce?

Answer: Ginger Baker

10. Which songwriting-production team was responsible for many major Motown hits before leaving the label in the late 1960s?

Answer: Hollandâ Dozierâ Holland

11. After playing in the Yardbirds, who went on to found Led Zeppelin?

Answer: Jimmy Page

12. Who produced the Mamas & the Papas' major 1960s recordings?

Answer: Lou Adler

13. Before his solo recordings fully defined him, Marvin Gaye first became widely known at Motown through what additional format?

Answer: Duets

14. Which Simon & Garfunkel hit reached audiences in 1968 with a title that sounds like it should be answering your doorbell?

Answer: Mrs. Robinson

FUNNY 1960S MUSIC TRIVIA

1. Which Beatles song is basically two strong musical opinions sharing one trench coat, combining mostly separate sections by John Lennon and Paul McCartney?

Answer: A Day in the Life

2. On "Gimme Shelter," whose guest vocal arrives so prominently that it practically kicks the door open?

Answer: Merry Clayton

3. If the Who sounded like they were gleefully chasing a musical thunderstorm, which drummer gets credit for that more chaotic and explosive feel?

Answer: Keith Moon

4. After a big run in the 1960s, which duo released "Bridge over Troubled Water" in 1970, just to keep the calendar on its toes?

Answer: Simon & Garfunkel

5. True or false: Soul Train was already on TV during the 1960s, handing out groove passports before the decade ended.?

Answer: False

6. Which film soundtrack prominently featured songs by Simon & Garfunkel, giving moviegoers extra folk-rock with their existential confusion?

Answer: The Graduate

7. What Rolling Stones album is often linked to the late-1960s psychedelic boom, as if the title itself already arrived wearing swirling colors?

Answer: Their Satanic Majesties Request

8. The late-1960s "San Francisco sound" was closely associated with which city, in a twist nobody saw coming?

Answer: San Francisco

9. Which singer's success helped establish a model for soul artists seeking greater business control, proving the microphone and the ledger can coexist?

Answer: Sam Cooke

10. Name the producer whose 1960s work connected Bob Dylan on one side and the Velvet

Underground on the other, like a very cool studio bridge.?

Answer: Tom Wilson

11. Which duo, after major success in the 1960s, showed up in 1970 with "Bridge over Troubled Water" instead of politely stopping at December 31, 1969?

Answer: Simon & Garfunkel

12. Which show is the wrong answer if someone claims it debuted during the 1960s music era, because it actually arrived in 1971?

Answer: Soul Train

13. Which movie borrowed prominent Simon & Garfunkel songs for its soundtrack, basically inviting folk-rock to co-star?

Answer: The Graduate

FUN 1960S MUSIC TRIVIA

1. Which Aretha Franklin album arrived in 1967 with the dramatic title I Never Loved a Man the Way I Love You?

Answer: I Never Loved a Man the Way I Love You

2. What 1968 album was released by Big Brother and the Holding Company with a title that sounds like a bargain-bin promise?

Answer: Cheap Thrills

3. Which trio formed after David Crosby left the Byrds and Stephen Stills' Buffalo Springfield ended?

Answer: Crosby, Stills & Nash

4. Whose famous TV return arrived in the 1968 NBC special commonly called the '68 Comeback Special?

Answer: Elvis Presley

5. Which singer brought lead vocals to Jefferson Airplane and one of the coolest names in 1960s rock?

Answer: Grace Slick

6. Before going solo, Janis Joplin sang with which band?

Answer: Big Brother and the Holding Company

7. Jefferson Airplane released which album in 1967: Surrealistic Pillow or Cheap Thrills?

Answer: Surrealistic Pillow

8. Who was Creedence Clearwater Revival's lead singer and principal songwriter?

Answer: John Fogerty

9. Which Doors song burst into major-hit status in 1967 and sounded like a very dramatic request to the electrician?

Answer: Light My Fire

10. Which Velvet Underground founder is the correct answer here: Lou Reed or John Fogerty?

Answer: Lou Reed

11. Which duo released Ain't No Mountain High Enough in 1967?

Answer: Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell

12. Which record label was founded in Detroit in 1959 and became a defining force in 1960s popular music?

Answer: Motown Records

13. The Who released which snarling generational anthem in 1965?

Answer: My Generation

1960S MUSIC FAMILY TRIVIA

1. Who built Motown around a hit-making system in Detroit?

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2. At which event did Bob Dylan's move toward electric backing in 1965 spark controversy among some folk purists?

Answer: It happened at the Newport Folk Festival.

3. Which Beach Boys member stopped regular touring in the mid-1960s to focus more on writing and recording?

Answer: Brian Wilson.

4. Who became the focal lead singer of the Supremes during the 1960s?

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5. Before becoming a solo star, Janis Joplin first rose to fame with which group?

Answer: Big Brother and the Holding Company.

6. 'White Rabbit' borrowed imagery from the writings of which author?

Answer: Lewis Carroll.

7. Who was the lead singer and lyricist most associated with the Doors' dark image?

Answer: Jim Morrison.

8. True or false: Did Jimi Hendrix become a major star in the UK before breaking through in the United States?

Answer: True

9. At which famous festival did Jimi Hendrix perform 'The Star-Spangled Banner' in one of the event's defining moments?

Answer: Woodstock.

10. Which folk singer helped introduce Bob Dylan to broader folk audiences early in his career?

Answer: Joan Baez.

11. Which songwriting duo was the creative core of the Rolling Stones in the 1960s?

Answer: Mick Jagger and Keith Richards.

12. On The Velvet Underground & Nico, who sang lead on several tracks?

Answer: Nico.

EASY 1960S MUSIC TRIVIA

1. What was the title of the Beatles' debut album, released in 1963?

Answer: Please Please Me

2. Which famous band stopped touring in 1966?

Answer: The Beatles

3. Who managed the Beatles during the 1960s?

Answer: Brian Epstein

4. Which producer worked on many of the Beatles' 1960s recordings?

Answer: George Martin

5. Bob Dylan released which album in 1965?

Answer: Highway 61 Revisited

6. Which Bob Dylan song was released in 1965: 'Like a Rolling Stone' or 'Purple Haze'?

Answer: Like a Rolling Stone

7. The Rolling Stones released '(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction' in what year?

Answer: 1965

8. Who was the lead singer of the Rolling Stones in the 1960s?

Answer: Mick Jagger

9. Which Rolling Stones member was a guitarist and songwriter in the 1960s?

Answer: Keith Richards

10. Jimi Hendrix released which album in 1967?

Answer: Are You Experienced

11. Which Jimi Hendrix Experience single came out in 1967?

Answer: Purple Haze

12. Which band released its self-titled debut album in 1967: the Doors or Cream?

Answer: The Doors

13. Whose powerful voice was central to the Mamas & the Papas' vocal blend?

Answer: Cass Elliot

