

Norwood Public Schools

Grade 9-12 History of Rock and Roll Curriculum Overview

Description:

The History of Rock and Roll is a college level elective offered to students at Norwood High School. The class meets six times out of the seven day cycle for 57 minutes. The primary objective of this course is to develop knowledge and awareness of the evolution of popular music from the 1850's to present day.

Learning Experiences:

Students will develop their listening skills through recorded music, music videos, and movies featuring content appropriate music as well as examples presented by the class membership. Students will hone their skills in: reading, note taking, critical thinking, and listening analysis.

Content Outline:

Term 1:

Music of the 1850's, Ragtime, Tin Pan Alley, Jazz, Swing, up to the Mid 1950's

Term 2:

Birth of Rock and Roll, Surf Music, Garage Rock, The British Invasion, Music of the Beatles

Term 3:

Country, Soul, Folk, 1960's Rock

Term 4:

The 1970's, Disco, Pop, Reggae, Punk, Rap, Funk, 1980's, Hip-Hop, Alternative

Resources Used:

Text: American Popular Music – Larry Starr, Christopher Waterman
Recordings and videos that coordinate with the time period.