**Music Genres**

**Rock**

No it isn’t just the cool guys you see looking all broody and screaming about something or another, Rock is also one of the greatest forms of music. A heavy drum-beat and insane guitar riffs usually make up some of the best Rock music.

Rock has made like rockers do, and branched out into many other forms of music making it one of the biggest genres ever. The most popular forms of Rock, other than the original, are Punk Rock, Heavy Metal, Hard Rock and Alternative Rock.

Some of the best Rockers are guys like Foo Fighters, Blink 182, Greenday and Limp Bizkit.

**Classical Music**

Classical music, the most unlistened-to genre amongst teens, is softer and more relaxing. It is usually written as a whole to be performed with many other instruments. Classical music also often tells a story unlike most other forms of music.

The greatest composers of all times are probably Beethoven, Mozart and Schubert.

**Gospel**

Although Gospel music varies, it always carries a message of religion in its lyrics. Gospel music can sometimes almost sound like a rock-song but then also at other times like classical music.

Gospel music is also one of the most popular non-pop music forms, although it has almost completely been replaced by Praise & Worship, which also carries the same messages, but is usually more upbeat..

**Jazz**

Jazz is almost always primarily an instrumental form of music, where the key player is usually the saxophone.

Jazz music is usually very complex in the chord structures and the harmonies. Improvisation is also the most distinguishing characteristic of Jazz and this then obviously requires a great deal of technical skill and musical knowledge from the players.

**Rhythm and blues (R&B)**

R&B is a form of contemporary pop music. R&B is usually sung by one person but some groups also exist, and its lyrics are usually filled with soul. One of the greatest R&B artists is Alicia Keys.

**Country music**

Country, after Classical, is probably the second most unlistened-to form of music amongst teens today. Most country music is also performed by solo artists. Probably because Country usually dangles around the idea of love lost, and also involves some form or another of yodelling!

**Dance music**

Dance or Techno music is a very upbeat type of music to which you can successfully shake your booty, and melodies are repeated often, making this booty-shaking even easier. Lyrics are usually absent, as the music is about the beats and not the lyrics.

**Hip hop / Rap**

Hip Hop/Rap is usually performed by a solo artist but has also been branched out to be performed by groups like D12. Some of the greatest artists are guys like Eminem, Jay-Z and Dr. Dre.

**Pop**

Pop is the most popular form of music, usually performed by only one person but also by boy bands or even- more lately girl bands. The music is almost the same as Rock music without the heavy beats.

The music also sometimes consists of mostly acoustic guitar or piano.

The most popular artists are guys like Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears and Kelly Clarkson.