

0 0 professional arts festivals take place each year in Great Britain. The Edinburgh International Festival the largest of this king in the world. The Festival akes place for three weeks in late August and tember. The Festival programmes include music, opera, ballet, drama, films, dancing and piping. Every year from Aprill to December people come to Stratford - upon - Avon to the Royal Shakespeare's Theatre, where Shakespeare's plays are staged. The Festival has been held since 1879. The national Welsh Eisteddfod is devoted to music, Literature and the arts. All the proceedings are in the Welsh Language. It is held in the first week of August.

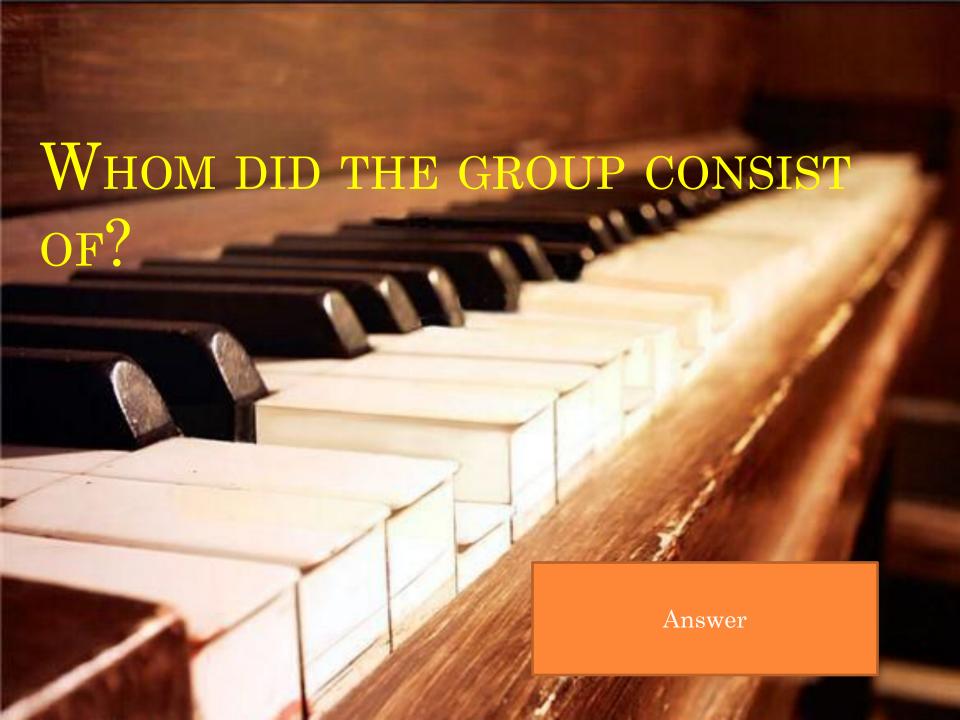
Early in the 20th century Britain was described by foreigners as "the land without music". It is difficult to believe it now. The people living in the British Isles are very fond of music. The concerts of the leading symphony orchestras, numerous folk groups and pop music are very popular. Rock and pop music are extremely popular, especially among young people. In the 60s and 70s groups such as the Beatles, the Rolling Stones were very popular and successful. The Beatles with their new and exciting style of singing and their wonderful sense of humour, became the most successful pop group the world has ever known. Many of the famous songs written by John Lepnon and Paul Mc Cartney are still popular. These pop singers received a great deal of admiration







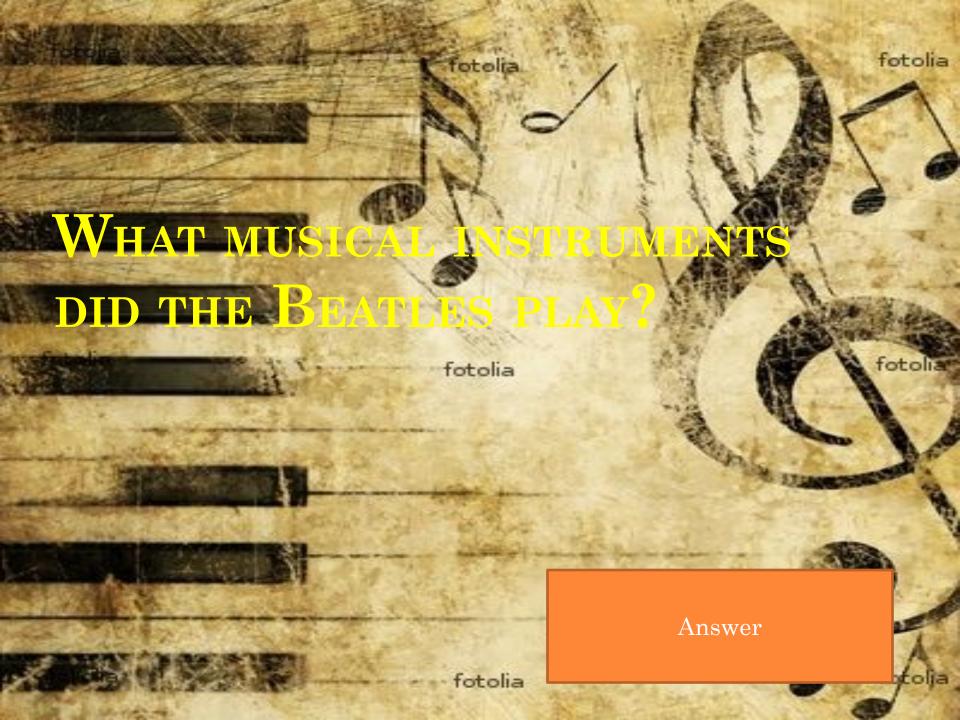






Who wrote most of the Beatles' songs? Answer

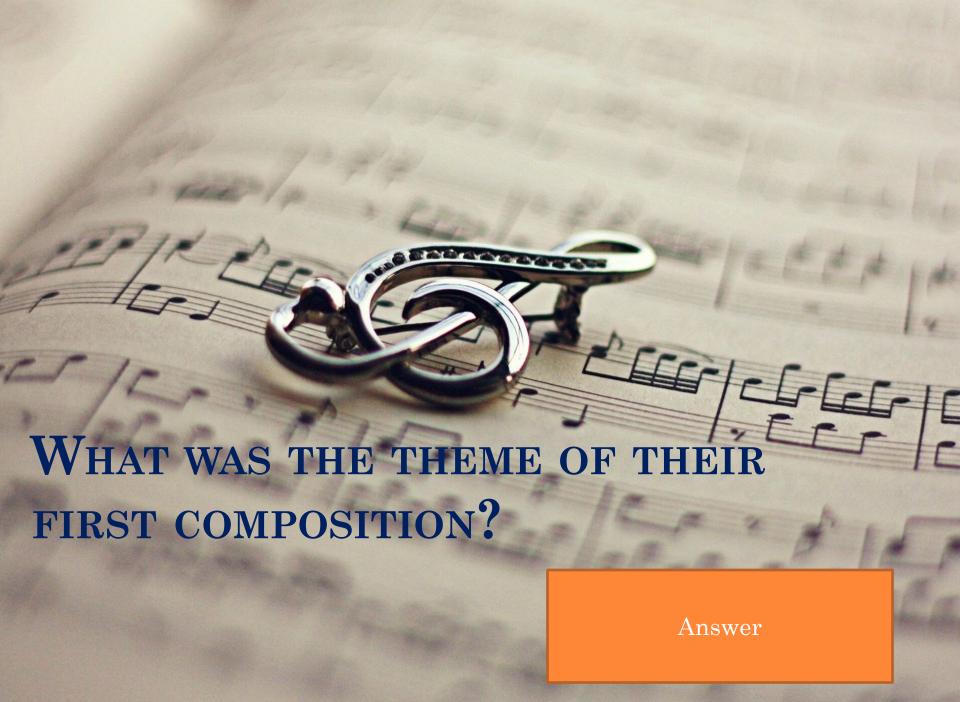
(J. LENNON AND P. McCartney.) Beck





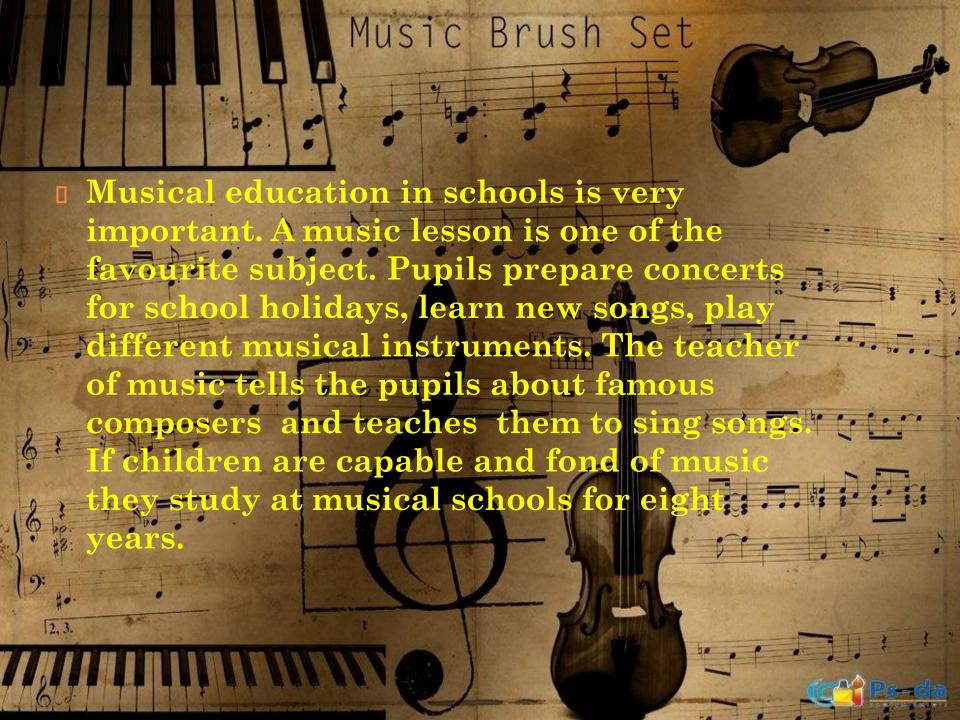
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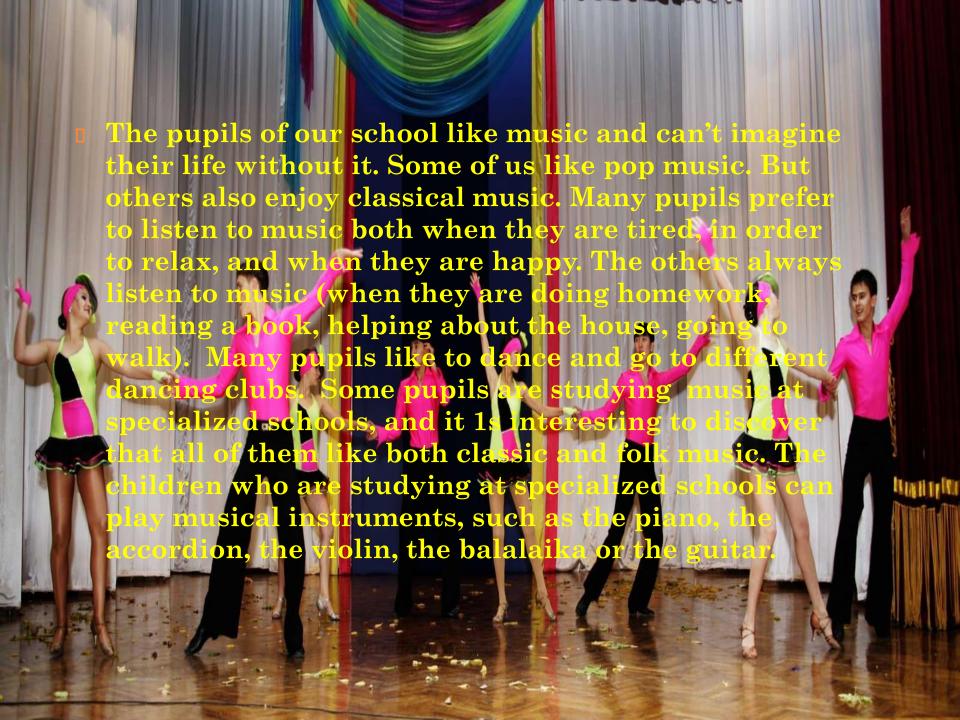
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- 1). When and where was the group born? (in 1962, in Liverpool.)
- 2). Whom did the group consist of? (John Lennon, George Harrison, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr.)
- 3). Who wrote most of the Beatles' songs? (J. Lennon and P. McCartney.)
- What musical instruments did the Beatles play? (J. Lennon rhythm guitar; G. Harrison lead guitar; P. McCartney bass guitar; R. Starr drums.)
- When did the Beatles gain worldwide fame?) (In 1964.)
- □ What was the theme of their first composition? (Love)
- What are their most famous songs? ("Love Me Do"; "Come Together"; "Please, please me"; "Yesterday"; "Yellow Submarine";
- When did the group begin to drift apart? (in the late 1960s).
- □ Who was awarded the title of lord? (P. McCartney)
- Which one of the Beatles was murdered by a fan? (J. Lennon in 1980.)

As you know Elvis Presley was the King of Rock and Roll from the to the 70s. Elvis Presley was born on 8 January 1935 in sissippi. Elvis Loved music. He went to church every Sunday d sang in the choir. When he was 13, his mother bought him a tar. In the same year his family moved to Memphis. One day in 4 he went to a recording studio called. Sun Records. He wanted o make a record for his mother's birthday. The secretary at the studio heard Elvis and she told her boss, Sam Phillips. Elvis was Sam Phillips's dream - "a white boy with a black voice." Phillips became Elvis's manager and Elvis made his first single - That's All Right Mama. In 1955, Elvis appeared on TV in New York. Then he went to Hollywood and made his first film "Love Me Tender" In the next two years he had many hit records - Blue Suede Shoes. Heartbreak Hotel, Teddy, All Shook Up, Teddy Bear. In 1958, Elvis joined the American army and went to Germany. When he returned to the U.S in the early 60s, pop was not the same. British groups like the Beatles and the Rolling Stones were the new stars. He died of a heart attack on the 16th of August 1977 in his mansion at Graceland, Memphis. But for his millions of fans, Elvis is still the King. Elvis could really sing. Not like these kids today with all their electronics machines. "He was the King, man, the King of Post and Roll", - says Shane Lyons about Elvis.





I'd like to tell you about my favourite singer Stevie Wonder, In 1963 the record with the title "Little Stevie Wonder the 12th year Genious' appeared on the counters of American shops. 10 years later his records were included in the gold fund of world's rock. Stevie Wonder was born on the 13th of May, 1950 in the little town Saginoy state Michigan. His rial name is Steven Judckins. He is blind from his birthday. From 5 years he was fond of music and soon he played the piano and song very well. Some time later the family removed in Detrott. The director of the firm "Tamla Motown" Berry Gordy was very surprised by little singer. In some month his first records under the litles "Stevie Wonder" appeared. In 70s Stevie Wonder recorted on tape some beautiful - "Music of My Mind" and "Talking ime every his disc becomes a real f modern music.

