

## Music History Grade 4

# THE BEATLES

The Beatles was a very popular group of musicians from England. The band was together for 10 years (1960-70), but in those 10 years, they became extremely popular. Their music had a lasting impact on the music of the 60s, 70s and 80s and still does today. Here is their history:

- The band formed in Liverpool, England in 1960
- Members: - John Lennon (1940-1980) Electric guitar, vocals, main composer.
  - Paul McCartney (1942- ) Electric Bass, vocals, main composer.
  - George Harrison (1943-2001) Electric guitar, vocals, composer.
  - Ringo Starr (1940- ) Drum set, vocals, composer.



- Liverpool was a port city. Many people from across the world came there on boats and brought records with them. Because of them, the members of the Beatles listened to many records from around the world and started composing music that was influenced by what they heard.
- They were VERY creative - especially John Lennon and Paul McCartney.
- Also called the "Fab Four"

- Beatlemania was the term used to describe how absolutely crazy fans became when they saw The Beatles. Sometimes at concerts, the Beatles couldn't even hear themselves play because the fans were screaming so loudly! Sometimes fans went so wild that they would even faint!
- Best selling band in history:  
They sold over 800 million albums all over the world.



- They also hold the record for the most number one hits ever in England and in the United States.
- Abbey Road Studio is a famous recording studio in London where the Beatles recorded most of their albums. This equally famous picture comes from near Abbey Road Studio:
- British Invasion: In the 60s and 70s, Rock and Roll became very popular. Many of the Rock groups were from England (British) like The Beatles and The Rolling Stones. They were selling records and were on the radio everywhere around the world and had great influence on Rock and Roll music. It was called the British Invasion because their music invaded the whole world!
- Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr are still alive today. George Harrison died of cancer in 2001 and John Lennon was killed in front of his apartment in New York City in 1980.

- Here are some of The Beatles' most famous songs:

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| - I Want to Hold Your Hand         | - All You Need is Love |
| - Hey Jude                         | - Here Comes the Sun   |
| - Strawberry Fields Forever        | - Eleanor Rigby        |
| - Yesterday                        | - Blackbird            |
| - Yellow Submarine                 | - She Loves You        |
| - You Say Goodbye, and I Say Hello | - Can't Buy Me Love    |
| - Penny Lane                       | - All My Loving        |
| - Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds    | - Michelle             |
| - Fool on the Hill                 | - Let it Be            |
| - Love me do                       |                        |

And so many more!!!

- The Beatles influenced the music of the Beach Boys, the Police, Billy Joel, U2, AC/DC, Bruce Springsteen, KISS, Joni Mitchell and many, many more.

(Source: Wikipedia)