

# Pop Music Trivia

From Elvis to Beyonce, twenty questions about the artists, albums, and records that shaped popula...

Name / Team: .....

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**1** Who is known as the 'King of Pop'?

- A. Prince
- B. Elvis Presley
- C. Michael Jackson
- D. Justin Timberlake

**2** Which British band is the best-selling music act of all time?

- A. The Rolling Stones
- B. The Beatles
- C. Queen
- D. Led Zeppelin

**3** What streaming platform changed the music industry by making millions of songs available for a monthly subscription?

- A. Pandora
- B. SoundCloud
- C. Spotify
- D. Tidal

**4** Who performed at the Super Bowl halftime show in 2023, featuring songs spanning a 17-year career?

- A. Shakira
- B. Beyonce
- C. Rihanna
- D. Lady Gaga

**5** Which artist holds the record for the most number-one hits on the Billboard Hot 100?

- A. Michael Jackson
- B. Elvis Presley
- C. The Beatles
- D. Mariah Carey

**6** What was the first music video to reach one billion views on YouTube?

- A. Baby by Justin Bieber
- B. Gangnam Style by PSY
- C. Despacito by Luis Fonsi
- D. See You Again by Wiz Khalifa

**7** Who is often called the 'Queen of Pop'?

- A. Whitney Houston
- B. Beyonce
- C. Madonna
- D. Lady Gaga

**8** What artist released the album 'Lemonade' in 2016 as a visual album?

- A. Rihanna
- B. Adele
- C. Beyonce
- D. Taylor Swift

**9** Which Elvis Presley nickname reflects his enormous impact on rock and roll?

- A. The King of Pop
- B. The King of Rock and Roll
- C. The King of Country
- D. The King of Soul

**10** What genre of music originated in South Korea and has become a global phenomenon?

- A. J-Pop
- B. C-Pop
- C. K-Pop
- D. T-Pop

**11** Which album by Adele set records for first-week sales when it was released in 2015?

- A. 19
- B. 21
- C. 25
- D. 30

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**12** What was the name of the music-sharing service that disrupted the industry in 1999 before being shut down?

- A. LimeWire
- B. Napster
- C. Kazaa
- D. BitTorrent

**13** Which artist is known as the 'Queen Bey' and has won more Grammy Awards than any other artist?

- A. Taylor Swift
- B. Adele
- C. Beyonce
- D. Billie Eilish

**14** What format replaced CDs as the primary way people consume music?

- A. Vinyl records
- B. Digital downloads
- C. Streaming
- D. USB drives

**15** Which artist released the surprise album 'Beyonce' in 2013 with no prior announcement?

- A. Rihanna
- B. Taylor Swift
- C. Beyonce
- D. Lady Gaga

**16** Who was the youngest artist to win all four major Grammy Awards in one night?

- A. Taylor Swift
- B. Adele
- C. Billie Eilish
- D. Olivia Rodrigo

**17** What boy band was the best-selling boy band of the 1990s?

- A. NSYNC
- B. Backstreet Boys
- C. 98 Degrees
- D. New Kids on the Block

**18** What legendary music festival, held in 1969, is considered a defining moment of the 1960s counterculture?

- A. Monterey Pop
- B. Coachella
- C. Woodstock
- D. Lollapalooza

**19** Which artist's debut album 'SOUR' became the most-streamed album on Spotify in 2021?

- A. Billie Eilish
- B. Dua Lipa
- C. Olivia Rodrigo
- D. Doja Cat

**20** What is the best-selling single of all time worldwide?

- A. Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen
- B. Candle in the Wind by Elton John
- C. I Will Always Love You by Whitney Houston
- D. Shape of You by Ed Sheeran

## Pop Music Trivia — Answer Key

### 1. C Michael Jackson

Michael Jackson earned the title 'King of Pop' in the 1980s. His album Thriller remains the best-selling album of all time.

### 2. B The Beatles

The Beatles have sold over 600 million records worldwide. Their impact on music, fashion, and culture in the 1960s is often called the 'British Invasion.'

### 3. C Spotify

Spotify launched in 2008 in Sweden and went global in subsequent years. It fundamentally changed how people discover, listen to, and pay for music.

### 4. C Rihanna

Rihanna performed the Super Bowl LVII halftime show in February 2023, her first live performance in years. She revealed she was pregnant during the show.

### 5. C The Beatles

The Beatles hold the record with 20 number-one hits on the Billboard Hot 100. Mariah Carey is the solo artist with the most at 19.

### 6. B Gangnam Style by PSY

PSY's Gangnam Style reached one billion views in December 2012, becoming the first YouTube video to hit that milestone. The K-pop hit became a global phenomenon.

### 7. C Madonna

Madonna has been called the Queen of Pop since the mid-1980s. She has sold over 300 million records worldwide and is known for constantly reinventing her image.

### 8. C Beyonce

Beyonce's Lemonade debuted as a film on HBO before being released as an album. It explored themes of infidelity, Black womanhood, and resilience.

### 9. B The King of Rock and Roll

Elvis Presley is called the King of Rock and Roll for popularizing the genre in the 1950s. He sold over 500 million records and is one of the best-selling artists of all time.

### 10. C K-Pop

K-Pop (Korean Pop) has become one of the biggest musical movements in the world. Groups like BTS and BLACKPINK have achieved massive global success.

### 11. C 25

Adele's 25 sold over 3.38 million copies in its first week in the US alone, shattering the previous record. It was the best-selling album of 2015 despite being released in November.

### 12. B Napster

Napster allowed users to share MP3 files for free, leading to massive copyright lawsuits. It was shut down in 2001 but forever changed how the music industry thought about distribution.

### 13. C Beyonce

Beyonce holds the record for the most Grammy Awards won by any artist in history. She has also achieved success as an actress, businesswoman, and cultural icon.

### 14. C Streaming

Music streaming through services like Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube Music became the dominant format in the mid-2010s, surpassing both physical sales and digital downloads.

### 15. C Beyonce

Beyonce dropped her self-titled visual album with zero marketing on December 13, 2013. It sold 617,000 copies in three days and popularized the surprise album release strategy.

### 16. C Billie Eilish

Billie Eilish won Record of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year, and Best New Artist at the 2020 Grammys at age 18, sweeping the four major categories.

### 17. B Backstreet Boys

The Backstreet Boys have sold over 100 million records worldwide, making them the best-selling boy band of all time. Their rivalry with NSYNC defined late-90s pop.

### 18. C Woodstock

Woodstock was held on a dairy farm in Bethel, New York, in August 1969. About 400,000 people attended three days of music, peace, and mud.

### 19. C Olivia Rodrigo

Olivia Rodrigo's debut album SOUR, released in 2021 when she was 18, broke streaming records and won three Grammy Awards including Best New Artist.

### 20. B Candle in the Wind by Elton John

Elton John's 1997 re-release of Candle in the Wind as a tribute to Princess Diana sold over 33 million copies, making it the best-selling physical single of all time.