

Gospel, Doo-Wop & Country

- Gospel Music
 - Characteristics
 - High energy music for joyful, congregation Christian worship
 - Call (lead singer) and Response (choir) structure
 - Vocal improvisation through blue notes, repeated words, melodic embellishments (melismas)
 - Rhythm: syncopation, backbeat, hand claps, tambourine
 - Accompanied by small instrumental ensembles with a rhythm section
 - Some Notable Gospel Artists
 - Mahalia Jackson (1911-72), "Eye on the Sparrow"
 - The Soul Stirrers (formed 1926), "How Far Am I from Canaan?"
 - Edwin Hawkins (b. 1943), "Oh Happy Day"
- Doo-Wop
 - Secular, street music style sung by black male vocal groups
 - Lead vocalist accompanied by others singing nonsense syllables ("ooo," "ahh," "dum-dum-duh-doo," etc.)
 - Four-part vocal harmony in the style of the Ink Spots (e.g. "Java Jive")
 - Doo-Wop Clichés
 - Exaggerate low and high vocals (falsetto)
 - Example: "White Christmas" by the Drifters
 - Three-part division of the beat
 - The "Doo-Wop [chord] Progression": I - vi - IV - V
 - Example: "Earth Angel" by the Penguins
 - Notable Groups
 - Intro to "Covers"
 - "Crying in the Chapel"
 - Original version: Darrell Glenn, #6 on pop charts
 - Doo-Wop cover: The Orioles, #11 on pop charts
 - "Sh-Boom"
 - Original Doo-Wop version: The Chords, #5 on pop charts
 - Cover version: The Crew-Cuts, #1 on pop charts
- Country Music
 - Umbrella term for various commercial forms of white folk music styles originating in Appalachia
 - Hillbilly
 - Wester Swing
 - Honky-Tonk, etc.

- Turn to page 39 in your text for important stylistic characteristics including...
 - Tight, crisp rhythms...on the beat
 - Simple, repetitive, triadic chords
 - Two-beat bass
 - Storytelling lyrics akin to the Blues
 - Vocals have "nasal" quality
 - Voices and melodic instruments "slide" between pitches
- Notable Country Artists
 - Jimmy Rodgers (1897-1933), "Blue Yodel No. 4"
 - Hank Williams (1923-53), "I'll Never Get Out of This World Alive"
 - Johnny Cash (1932-2003), "I Walk the Line"