**A History of Rock ‘n Roll: A Musical Odyssey**

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1. The Roots of Rock ‘n Roll—From Hot Diggity Dog Diggity to Hound Dog

What is Rock ‘n Roll? How Did it Develop? What Contributed to its Rise?

2. The Electric Guitar and the Early Rockers

The Invention of the Electric Guitar and The Battle of Leo Fender and Les Paul

Sam Philips and Sun Records

The Early Rockers—Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Bill Haley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard

3. The 60s

Bob Dylan, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Beach Boys, Jimmy Hendrix, The Doors, The Who, The Band

Phil Spector and The Wall of Sound

4. The Music of the Motown, Chess, and Stax labels

5. The 70s

Rock ‘n Roll Superstars Emerge

The Beginning of the Fragmentation of Rock

The Mainstream: Neil Young, Van Morrison, Elton John, Bruce Springsteen

The Margins: Elvis Costello, The Clash, David Bowie, Queen, Led Zeppelin, Talking Heads

Iconic Songs of the 70s

6. Rock ‘n Roll in the Springsteen Style: An Exploration of Lesser Known Springsteen- Style Rockers

Little Steven, Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, Nils Lofgren, Willie Nile, Joe

Grushecky and The Houserockers, James Maddock, Brian Fallon

7. Women and Rock ‘n Roll

Sexual Inequality in Rock ‘n Roll

Janis Joplin, Grace Slick, Joni Mitchell, Linda Ronstadt, Patti Smith, Stevie Nicks, Deborah Harry, and Carole Kaye

8. The 80s and 90s

CDs and MTV

The Further Fragmentation of Rock

Madonna, R.E.M., U2, Prince, The Police, Culture Club

Nirvana, Green Day, Beck, Alanis Morissette, The Cranberries, Smashing Pumpkins

9. Rockers from the 60s and 70s Today: Then and Now

Elvis Costello, Richard Thompson, David Bryne, Randy Newman, David Bowie, Dion DiMucci, Rodriguez

10. Rock ‘n Roll in the 21st Century

An Exploration and Explanation of the Changing Economics of the Music Industry

A Sampling of Rock ‘n Roll Today

**RECOMMENDED READING**

The Birth of Loud—Ian S. Port

Keith Richards—Life

Sonic Boom—Peter Ames Carlin

Fathers, Sons and Rock ‘n Roll—My Blog available at rocknrolldad.tumblr.com

**RECOMMENDED VIEWING**

Once Were Brothers—A Movie Based on Robbie Robertson’s Autobiography

The Last Waltz—A Concert Film of the Band’s final concert

The Beatles: Get Back—streaming on Apple TV

Summer of Soul—streaming on Hulu