

- The Influence of  
Chuck Berry In  
American Culture

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# Who is Chuck Berry?

Why is he so important?

Chuck Berry (born October 18, 1926, St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.—died March 18, 2017, St. Charles county, Missouri) was a man of African and Native American decent who's often credited to have been the inventor of rock and roll.



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- Origins


- Berry grew up in a working-class African American neighbourhood on the north side of the highly segregated city of St. Louis. He gained early exposure to music through his family's participation in the choir of the Antioch Baptist Church, listening to the radio, and through music classes he took while attending Sumner High School.

- Some pitfalls

- While still in High School, Berry was thrown into the Missouri prison for young offenders to serve three years for armed robbery. After his release and return to St. Louis, he worked at an auto plant, studied hairdressing, and played music in small nightclubs.

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Why is he so special?



If it weren't for him, famous rock stars from the time (Elvis, Fats Domino, Little Richard) would not have their signature styles that defined American Pop culture of the time. His popularity was so influential, that even people from overseas gained inspiration from it like The Beatles.

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- If it weren't for artists like Chuck Berry expressing their wonderful creativity through song, Black people would have not received the representation and voice they were looking for back then, a form of escapism.