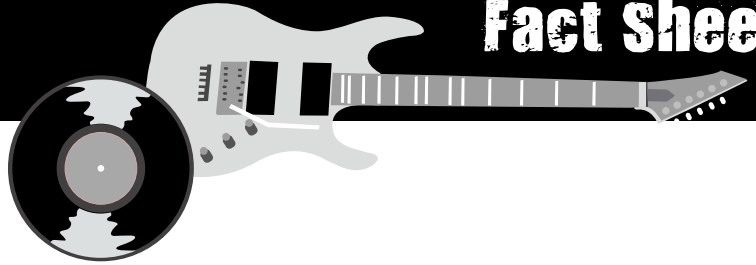




PUNK

Fact Sheet



What do you get when you combine young, rebellious, opinionated people with guitars, drums and very loud amplifiers? ... Punk Rock!

The loud, simple music which started off in the garages of the late 1960s, by the mid _____s had developed into a musical style with its own _____, including a distinctive dress style and way of thinking.

The punk ideology stressed individual freedom and non-conformity and these were often expressed in the lyrics of their songs. The music was _____ and _____, with driving vocals accompanied only by _____ and _____.

So much of the punk way of life was related to their individualistic and independent ideologies. They expressed themselves by dressing in unique ways that were very different from the mainstream. Their clothing styles included lots of black, leather, combat boots, chains, and safety pins for earrings ... the louder and more shocking, the better! Punk groups also tended to do everything themselves as far as producing, recording, and selling music. They trusted no one and would rather manage themselves than “sell out” and allow record producers and agents to take control.

In London, groups like the C_____ and the S_____ P_____ dominated the local punk music scene. These groups served as an inspiration to other British punk bands that followed. The Clash was sometimes called “the only band that matters”.

In America, the R_____, from New York City led the punk movement. The standard punk rock haircut was fairly short. The Ramones even rebelled against the “standard punk” haircut by wearing their hair long and shaggy.

By the end of the 1970s, Punk Rock had established itself as a genre and like so many other types of rock, began its natural evolution into many different sub-genres. These included New Wave, Post-punk, Hardcore, Oi!, Anarcho Punk and Pop Punk. The Hardcore style of 1980s was faster and heavier and often associated with slam dancing, later known as “moshing”. It was also the precursor to the thrash metal style of bands such as Metallica, Megadeth, Slayer, and Anthrax. Pop Punk, on the other hand returned to a slightly more melodic approach which made it more appealing to the general population. It was a style that eventually morphed into the grunge and alternative rock made popular by groups like Green Day.

Punk music has had a very colorful and eventful history that doesn't show any signs of slowing down.

Who knows what direction punk music will take in the future? What we do know is that it looks like it is here to stay for a while longer.