What Stalled Rock and Roll ?

* Elvis was drafted into the Army – Served two years
* Jerry Lee Lewis was Blacklisted for marrying his 13 year old cousin ☹
* Chuck Berry was Arrested for transporting a teenager across state lines
* Little Richard – left the ‘devils’ music Rock and Roll for religious music

The Day The Music Died

* \_Plane Crash\_ involving 3 up and coming Rock and Roll stars and their Pilot
  + Richie Valens, the Big Bopper, and Buddy Holly

“The Day the Music Died” was a song lyric from the Don Maclean song “American Pie”

Referring to this event

One of the biggest tragedies to hit the music world

From the 50s to the 60s

Ch ch ch Changes

* 1. What they Said
  + Artists began to sing about more serious topics (War, Civil Rights, Protest)
  + Singers began to sing with more effort (Screaming or straining their voice)
* How they looked
  + Stopped wearing the typical rock and roll band uniform (matching suits and similar haircuts)
  + Started to celebrate individuality
* 3. How they sounded
  + Experimented with different forms (not VCVCBC)
  + Experimented with new instruments and sounds

Song Writers and Producers

Early 60s – Era when Rock was at a standstill – Songwriters and producers became the stars

Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller

New York songwriters that wrote the hit song “Hound Dog” and countless others

Continuing the change in the color barrier – they were white, Jewish producers that worked for Black artists (Platters)

Girl Groups

Gerry Goffin and Carole King – song writers for countless girl groups

Phil Spector - revolutionary producer – larger than the artists themselves (Genius)

Wall of sound – rumble created by of multiples of the same instrument (5 guitars, 4 pianos, 4 Basses etc…) All captured in a small room

Surf Music

Created by Dick Dale – surf guitarist – inspired by the wall of a wave and his pet lions and tigers - HIS PET LIONS AND TIGERS!!! -

The Beach Boys

The kings of the surf scene

Brothers, cousin and friend that came together under the genius of Brian Wilson

Brian Wilson was the first music mogel – writer, performer, producer

Bob Dylan

Folk singer – Wrote Finger pointing songs – ‘Blowing in the Wind’ ‘The Times they are a Changing’

Considered a Spokesman of a generation

Skiffle – a mix of American folk music and jazz. Inspired young british teenagers to go out and make music – simple guitar playing other home-made instruments. At one point there were 70,000 skiffle bands in the UK (Everybody was in a band

The Beatles – One great skiffle band)

Brought Rock and Roll back from the dead

Four kids with ‘long’ hair – made rock music fun – inspired other bands to have fun

~~The British Invasion – British Bands took over American airwaves~~

~~British bands held every slot in the American top ten – British music was popular music~~

Tragic Events – JFK assassination and MLK assassination

“Eve of Destruction” – protest song that spoke about war, racism/civil rights, bombs

Summed up the 60s

“Good Vibrations” – broke the rules of typical rock songs