

# 1950s MUSIC TRIVIA QUIZ III



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1> What 1950s singer and film star's birth name was "Alfred Arnold Coccozza"?

- a. Frank Sinatra
- b. Perry Como
- c. Nat King Cole
- d. Mario Lanza

2> Bertha Franklin shot and killed this 1950s star at the Hacienda Motel in 1964.

- a. Bo Diddley
- b. Carl Perkins
- c. Sam Cooke
- d. Gene Vincent

3> American blues and rock and roll singer Chuck Willis was known as "The King of..."?

- a. The Hill
- b. Mountains
- c. Running
- d. Stroll

4> Can you complete the name of this well-known 1950s act - "Gene Vincent and his Blue..."?

- a. Tones
- b. Caps
- c. Jives

d. Riders

5> Complete the title of this 1958 hit song for Eddie Cochran - "Summertime..."?

- a. Moons
- b. Clouds
- c. Rain
- d. Blues

6> "Blue Suede Shoes", "Boppin' the Blues" and "Your True Love" were hits for which American singer-songwriter?

- a. Jerry Lee Lewis
- b. Elvis Presley
- c. Johnny Cash
- d. Carl Perkins

7> Finish the title of this popular Everly Brother's 1958 hit song - "All I have To Do is..."?

- a. Talk
- b. Love
- c. Dream
- d. Work

8> "Lois Harris" and "Jackie Landry Jackson" were members of which 1950s African-American girl group?

- a. The Chiffons
- b. The Crystals
- c. The Shirelles
- d. The Chantels

9> Known by the nickname, The Killer, "Jerry Lee Lewis" primarily played what instrument?

- a. Guitar
- b. Bass
- c. Drums
- d. Piano

10> "The Great Pretender", "Only You" and "My Prayer" were world-wide hits for which American vocal group?

- a. The Coasters
- b. The Platters
- c. The Flamingos
- d. The Drifters

11> One of the 1950s greatest stars, what is Elvis Presley's middle name?

- a. Aaron
- b. Aileen
- c. Andrew
- d. Anthony

12> A huge hit for Bill Haley and his Comets, who originally recorded and released "Shake, Rattle and Roll" in 1954?

- a. Howlin' Wolf
- b. Fats Domino
- c. T-Bone Walker
- d. Big Joe Turner

13> Terese Brewer's signature song was a huge number-one hit in 1950. Can you name it?

- a. Dance! Dance! Dance!
- b. Music! Music! Music!
- c. Laugh! Laugh! Laugh!

d. Sing! Sing! Sing!

14> What nickname was given to, the American singer of pop and country music, "Patti Page"?

- a. The Singing Rage
- b. The Musical Rage
- c. The Screaming Rage
- d. The Loving Rage

15> Which of the following artists will forever be associated with the development of the electric guitar?

- a. Chet Atkins
- b. Les Paul
- c. Jimmy Page
- d. Keith Richards

## Answers:

- 1> Mario Lanza - Lanza was the first RCA Victor Red Seal artist to win a gold disc with 2.5 million albums sold.
- 2> Sam Cooke - Cooke sustained one heart-piercing gunshot wound to the chest.
- 3> Stroll - Chuck's biggest hits were 'C. C. Rider' and 'What Am I Living For'.
- 4> Caps - Vincent has been inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
- 5> Blues - Released in 1958, Summertime Blues was written by Cochran and his manager Jerry Capehart.
- 6> Carl Perkins - Paul McCartney once stated that 'if there was no Carl Perkins, there would be no Beatles'.
- 7> Dream - Featuring Chet Atkins on guitar, The Everly Brothers recorded the song live in just two takes.
- 8> The Chantels - The Chantels were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2002.
- 9> Piano - Lewis has twelve gold records, both rock and country genres.
- 10> The Platters - The Platters had 40 charting singles on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.
- 11> Aaron - Elvis holds the record for most songs charting in Billboard's top 40 at 114.
- 12> Big Joe Turner - Big Joe Turner was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987
- 13> Music! Music! Music! - The song earned Brewer the nickname 'Miss Music'.
- 14> The Singing Rage - Patti's birth name was Clara Ann Fowler.
- 15> Les Paul - Les Paul recorded with his wife Mary Ford during the 1950s.

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