

Music Focus for  
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**Rock**

# Fleetwood Mac

Fleetwood Mac are a British-American rock band that formed in London, England in 1967. The group was started by Peter Green. The original group included Mick Fleetwood, John McVie, Jeremy Spencer and Bob Brunning but the band have had many different musicians come and go.

The band became famous with the release of the album Fleetwood Mac in 1975.

Rumours, one of the top 10 best-selling albums ever, has spent more time in the UK chart than the rest of Fleetwood Mac's studio albums put together.

Genre: Pop rock



**Origin:** London, England.  
Stevie Nicks  
Mick Fleetwood  
John McVie  
Christine McVie  
Lindsey Buckingham.

- ❖ Fleetwood Mac have sold more than 120 million records worldwide.
- ❖ In 1998 the band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and received the Brit Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music.

# Queen

Queen are a British rock band formed in London in 1970 by Freddie Mercury (lead vocals, piano), Brian May (guitar, vocals), and Roger Taylor (drums, vocals), later joined by John Deacon (bass).

They are one of the most commercially successful musical acts of all time.

Their earliest works were influenced by progressive rock, hard rock, and heavy metal, but the band gradually ventured into more conventional and radio-friendly works by incorporating further styles, such as arena rock and pop rock.

Genre: Heavy metal, rock, pop



Origin: London, England.

Freddie Mercury, Brian May and Roger Taylor.

Years active:  
1970–present

- ❖ Queen's first album was released in 1973 and it was called "Queen".
- ❖ They had 53 Top 40 singles, 6 of which went to Number 1.

# Paramore

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Paramore is an American alternative rock band formed in 2004 in Franklin, Tennessee. At first there were 4 members, Hayley Williams, Josh and Zac Farro and Jeremy Davis. In 2009, Taylor York joined the band. Now there are 3 members - singer Hayley Williams, drummer Zac Farro, and guitarist Taylor York. They have released five studio albums: *All We Know Is Falling*, *RIOT! Brand New Eyes*, and *Paramore, After Laughter* and a live album: *'The Final Riot!'* Their most successful album is *RIOT!* They are still recording and performing live.



Formed in 2004 in Franklin, Tennessee, United States.

### Five Facts:

- Their song "Monster" was used in 2011 for the 3rd *Transformers* movie.
- The name "Paramore" came from the name of their first bassist's mother. When they learned the meaning of the word "paramour" (it means "secret lover"), they decided to use the name under *Paramore* spelling.
- *Riot!* entered the *Billboard* 200 at number 20 and the UK charts at number 24. The album sold 44,000 copies in its first week in the United States.
- Paramore has received 26 awards from 67 nominations.
- As a teenager, Hayley took singing lessons from the legendary vocal coach Brett Manning. Some of his student history includes Taylor Swift and Miley Cyrus.

Genre:  
Alternative  
Rock, Indie



# No Doubt

No Doubt was a [alternative rock](#) band from [Anaheim, California, United States](#). There are four members in the band currently: [Gwen Stefani](#), Tony Kanal, Adrian Young and Tom Dumont. Eric Stefani and John Spence (now dead) were former members.

No Doubt was formed in 1986. Their most successful [album](#) was Tragic Kingdom, which spawned many singles, including "Don't Speak", which was at number-one for sixteen weeks in the Billboard Hot 100 Airplay Chart.

The band's trademark sound combines [ska](#) and [reggae](#) with [alternative rock](#), [pop](#), and [punk](#).

The band is currently on an hiatus and performed their last shows in 2015. Tony, Tom & Adrian has formed a band called "Dream Car" while Gwen Stefani continues to pursue he career as a solo artist.

Background information	
<b>Origin</b>	<a href="#">Anaheim, California</a> , United States
<b>Genres</b>	Ska punk, New Wave, <a href="#">alternative rock</a> , <a href="#">pop rock</a>
<b>Years active</b>	1986–2004, 2009–2015
<b>Labels</b>	<a href="#">Interscope</a> , <a href="#">Trauma</a> , <a href="#">Universal Music Group</a>
<b>Associated acts</b>	<a href="#">Invincible Overlord</a> , <a href="#">Bow Wow Wow</a> , <a href="#">Starpool</a> , <a href="#">Shirley Manson</a> , <a href="#">Garbage</a> , <a href="#">311</a>
<b>Members</b>	<a href="#">Gwen Stefani</a> Tony Kanal Adrian Young Tom Dumont
<b>Past members</b>	<a href="#">Eric Stefani</a> <b>John Spence</b> <a href="#">Jerry McMahon</a> <a href="#">Chris Leal</a> <a href="#">Gabriel Gonzalez</a> <a href="#">Paul Caseley</a> <a href="#">Eric Carpenter</a> <a href="#">Alan Meade</a> <a href="#">Chris Webb</a> <a href="#">Tony Meade</a>