

**Date:**

**The Impact on Britain**

**Learning Objective:** To learn about the culture of the blues and the impact it had on British Music.



Starter: Can you answer the questions below and see if you can work out which are true and false?

Circle either **True** or **False**

1. Cotton was the biggest industry in the South of America?

**True    False**

2. Slaves came from Europe?

**True    False**

3. Some blues musicians would perform in the churches?

**True    False**

4. Did some of the British musicians copy the blues technique of using slides on guitars?

**True    False**

5. A very famous blue song is called "Dust My Bedroom"?

**True    False**

6. Blues songs were often rewritten and sang differently by each performer?

**True    False**



Cut the statements on the following page and stick them next to the correct date?

**1619**

**1861**

**1865**

**1912**

**1936**

**1954**

**1964**

**Slaves Arrive in the Americas**

The first African slaves are brought to the American colony of Virginia.

**Civil War Begins**

The Civil War begins with the first shots on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Civil War Ends; Reconstruction Begins**

The Civil War ends with the surrender of the Confederate Army. Reconstruction begins in the South.

### **Blues Songs First Recorded**

The first blues songs, including W.C. Handy's "Memphis Blues", are published as sheet music.

### **Robert Johnson**

Legendary Delta bluesman Robert Johnson begins his short recording career.

### **Elvis Debuts**

Elvis Presley makes his recording debut on Sun Records with a version of Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup's "That's All Right."

### **British Invasion**

The first U.S. tour by the Rolling Stones marks the invasion of British blues-rock bands.



The 1960's British Bands were influenced by the blues. They used the similar chord progressions, riffs and song structures.

The British bands then took their music and style to America where it became very popular.

While doing the exercise below listen to a song from each of the artists and see if you can hear the blues influence?

Can you match the band photo to their name?

