



### HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT THE GUITAR

- Modern guitars evolved from the lute, which was a stringed instrument dating way back to the ancient Greeks and Arabs
- In the 1800's that a Spanish craftsman named Antonio Torres Jurado started building guitars that are a lot like the modern classical and acoustic guitars of today
- Guitars became very popular in America thanks to all the blues and jazz musicians
- Inventors tried all kinds of ways to build louder guitars, but it wasn't until the invention of the transistor radio and magnetic recording devices called "pick-ups" that a louder guitar would be possible
- Pickups were like little microphones that could attach to the body of the guitar... and transistors were electronic inventions that made amplifiers possible
- George Beauchamp and Adolph Rickenbacker, invented their electric guitar in 1931.
- Orville Gibson and his guitar company worked with Les Paul and together they created a solid body electric guitar
- The two biggest guitar companies making electric solid body guitars are Fender and Gibson

### GUITAR TYPES (taught in class)

- Acoustic classical or 'spanish' guitar with nylon strings
- Acoustic or 'folk' guitar with steel strings.
- Twelve string acoustic
- Hollow body acoustic/electric guitar
- Resonator guitar or Dobro
- Fender Stratocaster electric guitar

### GUITAR PARTS

1. **Acoustic Guitar:** hollow body, soundboard, strings, neck, fret board, bridge, machine heads
2. **Electric Guitar:** solid body, soundboard, strings, neck, fret board, bridge, machine heads, pickups, faceplate, toggle switch, volume knob, output jack

### HIGHLIGHTED FAMOUS GUITARISTS (in episode)

- **Les Paul:** Les was not only an amazing guitar player but also a brilliant inventor. He worked with Orville Gibson to create the first solid body electric guitar
- **Charlie Christian:** Was one of the first performers to really wow jazz and bebop fans with the *electric* guitar
- **Andres Segovia:** Is one of the most famous Spanish style guitarists of all time
- **Robert Johnson:** Was an American blues singer and musician - considered to be the 'master of the blues'
- **Bill Hayley:** A rock and roll guitarist - he was a leader in the growth and popularity of Rock n Roll during the 50's
- **Sister Rosetta Tharpe:** A pioneer of electric guitar by mixing gospel and rock
- **Jimi Hendrix:** He was a creative genius on electric guitar and really smart about the way he used sound and volume
- **Jimmy Page:** Is one of the greatest guitar players of all time
- **Joni Mitchell:** She was known for the interesting ways she would tune her guitar to play songs. She mixed jazz, with rock and roll, R&B, and even classical music
- **BB King:** Was the king of blues. His style of guitar playing has been a big influence on many of today's blues artists
- **Jennifer Batten:** Is an amazing studio and stage guitar player. She's played guitar for Michael Jackson's World Tours as well as Jeff Beck
- **Carlos Santana:** Is a Mexican and American musician who became famous by mixing rock and Latin American music
- **Bonnie Raitt:** Is an American blues-rock singer-songwriter and slide guitar player
- **Adrian Belew:** is known for the unusual sounds he creates on the guitar. Sometimes his guitars can sound like animals or machines
- **Anne and Nancy Wilson:** Are sisters who play awesome guitar rock n' roll. They formed the band **Heart** in the mid 1970's. Over the years they've had some huge hits and some classic guitar songs

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