



Chuck Berry



* Considered to be one of the most important black artists in rock n roll history

* Combined blues & country music

* Had a witty, defiant outlook that appealed to both black and white teenage audiences



* 1st Guitarist singer to reach the charts

* 1st rock n roll artist to write words that were relevant to young white audience without alienating his core black audience

* 1955 Auditioned for Chess Records in Chicago

* 1955 Recorded "*Ida Red*" for Chess Records but renamed it "*Maybellene*"

* Chuck Berry's joking "hillbilly" (country) songs became very popular with black audiences



* 1955 "*Maybellene*"

* Eventually, white audiences heard about this "black hillbilly" singer and began coming to his shows

* 1956 "*Roll Over Beethoven*"

* The "duck walk" was his trademark



* 1957 "*Rock n Roll Music*"

* Chuck Berry would eventually influence a considerable amount of rock n roll artists, including The Beatles & The Rolling Stones

* 1958 "*Johnny B. Goode*"
