

## 4. "Rock Around the Clock"

Read the text and fill in the blanks in the following sentences. (one blank = one word)

- a. The 1950s radically transformed ..... culture throughout the .....
- b. .... and the electric ..... were major factors in the development of ..... and ..... music.
- c. In the 1960s, modern ..... music became too ..... to reach the general public, who preferred ....., danceable ..... and the ..... patterns (*structure*) of rock'n'roll.
- d. In the late sixties, ..... musicians who ..... being exploited by white-owned ....., created their own .....

## 5. New trends

1. Read the text and find the translation of the following words (in the right order).

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|------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| a. <i>interprète</i> : | ..... | e. <i>attribuer</i> :   | ..... |
| b. <i>argot</i> :      | ..... | f. <i>aigu</i> :        | ..... |
| c. <i>scander</i> :    | ..... | g. <i>conscience</i> :  | ..... |
| d. <i>paroles</i> :    | ..... | h. <i>représenter</i> : | ..... |

2. Sum up the arguments of the detractors or admirers of rap music.

- a. Detractors: .....
- b. Admirers: .....

## 6. Quiz

How much do you know about African-Americans and black music?

- a. What are the two earliest forms of black American music?  
 blues     jazz     work songs     spirituals     rock'n'roll
- b. What sort of music became world famous after World War I?  
 spirituals     soul [səʊl]     gospel     jazz
- c. Who played a great role in getting Martin Luther King's birthday (January 15, 1929) made into a national holiday (the third Monday of January)?  
 Marvin Gaye     Stevie Wonder     Lionel Richie     Chuck Berry
- d. Which gospel singer sang at the March on Washington (August 28, 1963), during which Martin Luther King delivered his famous *I have a dream* speech?  
 Bessie Smith     Mahalia Jackson     Marian Anderson     Ella Fitzgerald
- e. Who played *The Star-Spangled Banner* in a very original and provocative way at the Woodstock Festival in 1969?  
 Bob Dylan     Wes Montgomery     Jimi Hendrix     Marvin Gaye
- f. Which town, where many hit records were produced by the label Motown, is nicknamed "Hitsville, USA"?  
 Memphis, Tn.     Nashville, Tn.     New Orleans, La.     Detroit, Mich. [dɪ'trɔɪt]
- g. Which new music style, combining R & B, pop and country and western, appeared in the 1950s?  
 blues     fusion     rock'n'roll     disco