



Country & Western Study Unit

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Chapters 1-3: Hillbilly to Early Country

Important Terms & Names
1) What countries were the origins of many Appalachian "hillbilly" folksongs?
2) What types of instruments were used by hillbilly musicians?
3) What were "string-bands"?
4) Who was the first country artist to receive a recording contract?
5) In August, 1927, Ralph Peer of the Victor Record Company discovered the two pioneer acts of modern country music in Bristol, Tenn. Who were they?
6) What was yodeling? What were the "Blue Yodels"?
7) How did the Carter Family's background differ from Jimmie Rodgers' background? How did this manifest itself in their performances?
8) Why was Rodgers considered "The Man Who Started It All"?

9) What were "barn dances"? What type of music did they feature?

10) How did the Grand Ole Opry get its name? What was it originally called?

11) What role has the Opry played in the history of country & western music?

12) Why was Roy Acuff considered the "Father of Country Music"?