
Subject: Classic Rock

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Alright, a bit more on the 90s.

In the early 90s, Grunge (sp) and Alternate were rather popular genres. It was, in a way, the end of "guitar wankery" in the mainstream - flashy soloings with blazing speeds took a backseat. Grunge bands that were very popular included Nirvana, Soundgarden, and Alice in Chains. These bands, especially Nirvana, have a very major influence on music today.

And of course, there was Pearl Jam, as previously mentioned.

Alternative is not really my area, however, early Radiohead was Alternative - Pablo Honey, Radiohead's debut is a good example of Alternative. Of course, Radiohead is no longer Alternative, and with their diversity in styles they've become pretty unclassifiable.

Metal continues raging past the 80s and into the 90s. A group called Rage Against the Machine brought rap-rock into the mainstream. Although they were not the first to do it (Anthrax did it in the 80s already), they certainly gave a lot more mainstream exposure to the rap-rock genre compared to other bands. Their offspring, unfortunately, aren't all that good. Linkin Park, Limp Bizkit, P.O.D., can be all said to be influenced by RATM in one way or another.

Dream Theater, although releasing their first album in 1989, made a mark from 1992 with the album "Images and Words". Progressive metal was made popular, continuing Rush's work. Other similar bands like Symphony X (as mentioned in my above post) also followed this style. Bands like Tool, are also slowly evolving and showing influences of Prog.

Death Metal has also evolved. Bands like In Flames and At the Gates, from Gothenburg, Sweden, popularized death metal and received international success. Following them were many more bands from Gothenburg and around the world with heavy influences. The "cookie-monster" vocals are debated a lot - they are heavy and aggressive to some, but mindless and ugly to others.

Thrash pretty much went into hibernation in the 90s, due to lack of bands putting out lack of material. However, there might be a change in tide, as Kreator are putting out a new album soon.

I can't really think of much to say on the 80s. You should check out the following albums:

Radiohead - OK Computer

Radiohead - The Bends

In Flames - Colony

Tool - Aenima

Dream Theater - Images and Words

Dream Theater - Awake

Symphony X - Divine Wings of Tragedy

Rage Against the Machine - S/T

Rage Against the Machine - Evil Empire

Red Hot Chili Peppers - Blood Sugar Sex Magik

Red Hot Chili Peppers - Californication
Fear Factory - Demanufacture

Of course, you know also check out Nirvana, Pearl Jam and the likes, but I'm not a fan so I can't really say where to go.
