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Introduction to Metal

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Schedule
Everything today
What is metal?
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“I see heaviness in music as being roughly analogous to spiciness in food: some people simply find it painful to eat something and can't fathom why you would deliberately add food that makes eating painful, while others would have it no other way, and get hooked to spicier and spicier foods, each food providing a bigger thrill than the last.

Everyone has a different spiciness threshold, like they do in music, before which spice is enjoyable and beyond which it simply becomes painful.”

https://www.reddit.com/r/changemyview/comments/1fbuj/i_dont_hear_any_musical_quality_in_the_screaming/cafam2z/
Faster
Darker
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Guitar and drum driven

Guitar and drum driven
Guitar and drum driven Distortion

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Guitar and drum driven
Distorsion
High tempo

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Distortion
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Melodic

Faster
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Guitar and drum driven
Distortion
High tempo
Rhythmic
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Melodic
Guitar driven

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Rhythmic
Drum driven
What is distortion?
What is distortion?
Devil’s Horns
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Gene Simmons Seeks to Register Trademark on Iconic Rock Hand Gesture
Devil’s Horns
Satanism?
MAP OF METAL
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Reason why metalhead are a bunch of elitists
Nu Metal

- The pop of metal
- Dark themes
- More approachable

Let The Guilt Go
Korn
Korn III: Remember Who You Are
Nu Metal

- The pop of metal
- Dark themes
- More approachable

Sometimes it Happens Like this
Darwin’s Waiting Room
Orphan
Black Metal

- Atmosphere
- Dark themes like nihilism, depression
- High-pitched vocals
- Often satanic

Det Som Engang Var
Burzum
Hvis Lyset Tar Oss
Black Metal

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• High-pitched vocals
• Often satanic

Freezing Moon
Mayem
De Mysteriis Dom Sathanas
Death Metal

- Complex soundscape
- Angry
- Growls
- Blast beat

Hammer Smashed Face
Cannibal Corpse
Tomb of The Mutilated
Death Metal

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Immortal Rites
Morbid Angel
Altars of Madness
Melodic Death Metal

- Basically Death Metal with Melodies
- Tends to vary a lot between more Melodic and more Death
- Combines clean vocals with growls
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Fear Is The Weakness
In Flames
Sounds of a Playground Fading
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Under Black Flags We March
Arch Enemy
Khaos Legions
Folk Metal

- Mixture of Metal and Folk Music
- Often uses traditional instruments
- Varies a lot between regions

A Rose For Epona
Eluveitie
Helvetios
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Power Metal

- Very melodic and harmonic
- Tends to be always the same
- Clean vocals

Emerald Sword
Rhapsody
Symphony of Enchanted Lands
Power Metal

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We Drink Your Blood
Powerwolf
Blood of the Saints
Power Metal

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- Clean vocals
Symphonic Metal

- Often have an orchestra setup
- Opera vocals

Ever Dream
Nightwish
Century Child
Symphonic Metal

- Often have an orchestra setup
- Opera vocals

Awakening the Centuries
Haggard
Awakening the Centuries
Thrash Metal

- Fast and aggressive
- A punkish version of heavy metal

Master of Puppets
Metallica
Master of Puppets
Thrash Metal

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Raining Blood
Slayer
Reign in Blood
Metalcore

- A metal version of hardcore punk
- Heavy use of breakdowns

Gravedigger
Architects
Lost Forever/Lost Together
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Can You Feel My Heart
Bring Me The Horizon
Sempiternal
Industrial Metal

- Mixture of Metal and Electronic
- Mechanical sound
- Originated from Industrial neighbourhoods
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(Neue Deutsche Härte)

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Progressive Metal

- Highly complex
- Mixes metal with classical and jazz elements

Just Let Me Breath
Dream Theatre
Falling Into Infinity
Progressive Metal

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Bloodmeat
Protest The Hero
Fortress
Heavy Metal

- Basically what most people refer to as Metal

The Trooper
Iron Maiden
Piece of Mind
Heavy Metal

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Iron Man
Black Sabbath
Paranoid
Heavy Metal

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