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CLASSMATES RESPONSE: Alexander Santos

Many people really did not like black people just because of the color of their skin but all of the kids and teens would still love and dance to black singers music because their music was the same thing as white people's music just better. Music did not have racial boundaries so that is why black and white people were able to come together to dance and have a great time together having lots of joy and laughter. There was once segregation in music but all the singers were trying to break that barrier because music should be enjoyed by everybody no matter the race or the skin of their color. Elvis helped white people to enjoy and love rock and roll and pushed them to also enjoy black singers music because they also made great songs that moved white people to not care of their color but care for their music. Kids helped the community come together because their parents were not because they did not like that type of music but the kids loved it because it gave them joy and made them want to dance forever but rock and roll also got some old people to like it because they would come along to see the teens dance and have a great time.

Classmates response: Anthony Ronald Gandara

I think it was interesting that there was an actual "King of Rock and Roll". At the time it was Chuck Berry and I also find it cool that at venues, where artists were to play live, if they did not know how to play Chuck Berry songs they would not be allowed on stage. I did not realize prior to viewing this short video that popularity of someone can affect the opportunities of another in such a direct yet indirect type of way.

I also recognized that throughout the years of Rock and Roll dating back to its origins there has been a front of the pack star. From Chuck Berry to Elvis Presley to Little Richard, on to after, Payola there was Buddy Holly. It also got me to thinking that if the government was against Rock and Roll from the start and Rock and Roll is still around today, that as a community when focused on what's right and in my opinion music is always right. That we can move mountains and make change. Like Rock and Roll did for racism and segregation.