

Hi everyone!

CI Music Hour Recap 10/5/23

This past week we welcomed back musicologist, Brittany Chase, to present on prominent Black musicians from the 60s in the United States. Brittany began by reviewing the historical context in which many famous Black artists from this decade created their music. Some significant events from this time that Brittany presented on included the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination in 1968.

Brittany then went on to describe Sam Cooke's active role in the Civil Rights Movement. We then listened to his song in response to this movement, called "A Change is Gonna Come." We also learned about another Soul artist from this time, named Otis Redding and listened to his song "Try a Little Tenderness."

Another prominent Black musician who Brittany presented on from this decade was James Brown. Brown revolutionized the use of rhythm in music during this decade in a way that would later influence genres such as funk and hip hop.

Brittany ended her presentation by discussing Motown music which was particularly successful in crossing over to White American culture at the time. Some groups that we listened to within this genre included The Supremes and The Temptations.

We ended the hour with a question and answer session with Brittany. If you would like to watch the recording from last week you can do so here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T1H8tZlwrgtRrxSMLEX-SxK9ImTnUiTp/view?usp=sharing>.