

Vocabulary

Leisure: Free time when you can do what you like to do. **Entertainment:** Something that amuses someone or gives them pleasure. **Culture:** The way that people live. **Transatlantic:** Crossing or extending across the Atlantic Ocean.

Fashion

Over the course of the 20th Century, the U.K. and the U.S. have had an influence over each other in terms of fashion. One of the most famous examples would be that of Mary Quant, a British designer who made the mini skirt popular on both sides of the Atlantic.

Social and Cultural Influences

Many different factors influence how we live our lives. Some are cultural such as education, religion and family life. Others are social and involve how we spend our spare time. These can come from our friends, fashion, music, tv, sport and more recently social media.

U.S. Retail Influences on the U.K.



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Genres of Music

As the 20th Century developed more different types of music emerged. These different genres also influenced society on either side of the Atlantic.

In the 1950s rock and roll music like Elvis became popular in the U.K. after starting in the US. The 'British Invasion' of the 1960s was led by the music of The Beatles becoming popular in America.

More artists from the U.S. become popular in the U.K. than the other way around, although with more music streamed on the internet it is more likely to happen. The Spice Girls became successful in the 90s and Adele more recently.

Transatlantic Travel

At the start of the 20th Century crossing the Atlantic was only done by boat and would take over 4 days.

As technology developed and planes became able to fly longer distances this time reduced. The first planes would have to stop during the flight and would take between 14-24 hours. The first non-stop passenger flight was in 1958 and took just over 10 hours.

In 1976, Concorde flew from London to Washington in 3 hours and 30 minutes. The average flight time today is around 6 hours.

U.K. Fashion Influence

