

Country Music

Syllabus

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Thursday 11AM-12:45PM

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From Ken Burns' Series

Topic 1- **The Rub** – Beginnings of Country Music – 1933

Topic 2- **Hard Times** – 1933 – 1945. Nashville and the Country Music industry through the Depression and World War II.

Topic 3- **The Hillbilly Shakespeare** - 1945 – 1953. Hank Williams, Bill Monroe, Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs.

Topic 4- **I Can't Stop Loving You** – 1953 – 1963. Memphis, TN, Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Ray Charles, Patsy Cline.

Topic 5- **The Sons and Daughters of America** – 1964 – 1968. Loretta Lynn, Merle Haggard, Charley Pride, Johnny Cash.

Topic 6- **Will the Circle Be Unbroken?** - 1968 -1972. The Vietnam War, Kris Kristofferson, Bob Dylan, The Birds, and other non-country artists recording in Nashville.

Topic 7- **Are you sure Hank done it this way?** 1973 – 1983. Dolly Parton, Hank Williams, Jr., Roseann Cash, George Jones, Tammy Wynette, Emmylou Harris.

Topic 8- **Don't Get Above Your Raisin'** - 1984 – 1996. George Strait, Randy Travis, The Judd Sisters, Reba McEntire, Dwight Yoakum, Garth Brooks.

Because the length of each film is long, there will be carry over between weeks.