

Genre Exploration

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Drill Rap - Damon DiBattista

Drill rap - Past to Present

- Drill rap originated in southside Chicago around 2011. King Louie is considered to be one of the first drill rappers ever, and the founder of Drill rap. Some pioneers of drill rap were Chief Keef, Lil Reese, Lil Durk, Rondonumba9, LA Capone (R.I.P), and more.
- In Drill rap from this time period, (2011-2016 ish) the beats usually had some sort of hit, a lot of pads and some alien like sound ([for example](#)). I also hear snare fills sometimes, but that was a little less common.
- Nowadays, Drill music is a lot different than what it used to be. Now, the melodies are a lot darker, they usually use piano sounds, there are plenty of distinct 808 (bass) slides, and certain snare and hi hat patterns. This style of drill originated in the UK as far as I know. This isn't the only style of drill beats that are popular though. Some of the new drill rappers that have recently gained popularity are Sheff G, 22Gz, King Von (R.I.P), Digga D, and more.

Chief Keef



22Gz

Chicago Drill (Pre 2016)

Name: Love Sosa

Artist: Chief Keef

Release Date: Oct. 18 2012



UK Drill

Song: **Bluwuu**

Artist: **Digga D**

Release date: **Feb. 25 2021**



New York Drill/ New Chicago Drill

Song: Blixy Gang Freestyle  Skip to 30 seconds

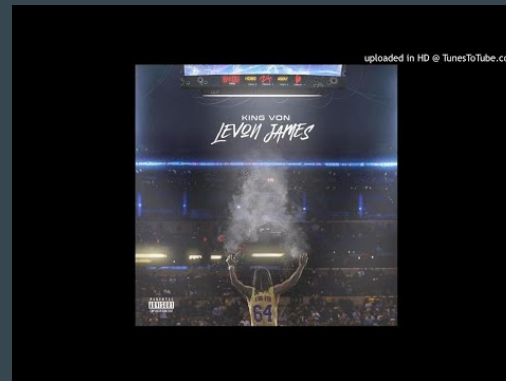
Artist: 22Gz

Release date: Feb. 7 2020

Song: 3 A.M.

Artist: King Von

Release date: April 6, 2020



My Attempt at Drill Beats

Original Chicago Drill beat:



Newer Style Drill Beat

Skip to 00:14



Personal Reflection on Genre Exploration

Reflection might include

- What do I like about this genre? I like everything about this genre, but if I had to choose one element I would choose how the beats sound.
- What do I not like about this genre? I don't like how some rappers in this genre will disrespect dead people in other gangs.
- What surprised me from my research? I didn't know who was the first person to make a drill song.
- What is something that interested me in my research/listening? I was interested about all the different subgenres of drill, which is a subgenre itself.

References

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtJ-UG2jy4s> (not appropriate for school)