

Top 3 Guitarists In The USA

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As you have probably seen online there are many websites and photo essays about the top 5,10, or maybe even 100 guitarists in the world. Well I am doing another one of those, a photo essay about the top 3 guitarists in the USA.



#3 Van Halen

I think Eddie Van Halen is the 3rd best guitarist in the world. He was born on January 29th, 1955 and is currently 59 years old. He plays heavy metal and rock and roll in a band called Van Halen. He was only inspired to play guitar by Eric Clapton even though they play completely different types of music. Some of Eddie's songs are "Eruption", "Jamie's Crying", "You Really Got Me", and "Running With The Devil."

When I was about 6 years old and I was just learning to play "Foxy Lady" by Jimi Hendrix when my dad played the song "Eruption" for me. It actually sounded like a real eruption. From then on I was determined to learn how to play it. So 5 seconds after I went online to look up a tab for Eruption and I couldn't even move my hands fast enough to play the song. I knew the person who wrote that song must be an amazing guitar player. Also in the *Rolling Stones Top 100 Guitarist Magazine* it says he is 7th in the USA, which as you can plainly see, I disagree with.



Mini Squire Red Guitar



#2 Jimmy Page

Jimmy Page was born on January 9th, 1944 and is currently 70 years old. His band is called Led Zeppelin. The band Led Zeppelin plagiarized some lyrics and riffs in songs like "Stairway To Heaven," "Nobody's Fault But Mine," "The Lemon Song" and more. In an interview with a young guitar player, 11 year-old Harrison Fink says that he thinks Jimmy Page is a very inspirational and talented guitarist. He also thinks that Jimmy Page is number one so that just shows how good Jimmy actually is.

About a year ago I watched a movie about Led Zeppelin that was mostly about Jimmy Page and when they showed Jimmy playing "Dazed And Confused" I was amazed because he played it all with a violin stick. I never even knew you could do that with a guitar. That made me always want to try new things on the guitar. After that I decided Jimmy Page was my idol.



Guitar Pick



#1 Jimi Hendrix



Jimi Hendrix was born in 1940 and died at the age of 27 in his sleep. Today he would be 74. Jimi was in the army for 2 years. Some of the songs he wrote are, "Foxy Lady," "Voodoo Chile," and "Manic Depression." One reason I think he is the best guitarist in the world is that he is really good and amazing to watch. When you watch him play you wonder, 'How is he doing this?' Another reason is *Rolling Stone* magazine and *Slash* magazine both said he was the best guitarist in the world.

Adult Squire Black Guitar

Jimi Hendrix used this type of guitar sometimes to practice



Those are my top 3 guitarists in America. Now if you like one of these guys and want to be like one of them keep practicing and never give up.



