The guitar is one of the most widely played and recognized instruments in many different genres of music! From Spanish styles of playing demonstrated by Carlo, to folk music heard around a campfire, the guitar is a versatile instrument capable of producing many different styles of sounds and music.

An acoustic guitar, like the one in this Mann Music Room video, consists of a hollow body made of wood, with six strings stretched over the body and all along the thin narrow neck of the guitar. Along the neck are various frets – when a string is pressed down, the combination of the string and fret placement create a different musical note. To play the guitar, you can pluck individual strings or strum all of them at once to play what is known as a chord!

Flamenco is a style of entertainment with song, music, and dance. It is extremely popular in Spain as its foundation is in Andalusia, the southernmost region of Spain, yet it has achieved global popularity. The term ‘flamenco’ was first recorded in the late 18th century, but many believe the art form is much older.

Flamenco has acoustic guitar music, singing, handclaps, heel stamps, and castanets. It is a dance by a man and a woman in traditional Spanish costumes. Flamenco is unique as it has no set tempo. Flamenco dancers may switch between both fast and slow passages, rising to a climax near the end.

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