

What should I already know?

- There are different styles of music.
- A music genre is influenced by where and when it originated.
- Different styles of music use different instruments.
- Different styles of music have key features: fast, slow, repetitive - like poetry with a tune.

Key Vocabulary

Bridge - a contrasting section of music, often used in the middle of a song between the verse and chorus

Chords - a group of notes played together

Genre - a style, or particular type of music

Graphic notation - using non-standard symbols to represent written music

Hi-hat - a pair of cymbals on a drum kit, that are operated using a foot pedal

Kick drum - a bass drum on a drum kit, that is operated using a foot pedal

Looped samples - short sections of music which are repeated continuously

Lyrics - the words to a song

Melodies - notes that are played one after the other to make a tune (a melody)

Rhythm - the pattern of sounds played through time, formed by a series of notes

Synthesiser - an electronic musical instrument, operated with a keyboard, can produce a wide selection of sounds

Tempo - the speed at which a piece of music is played

Upbeat - an unaccented beat in a bar, such as the 2nd and 4th beats

Key knowledge - Musical Genres

House music - was most popular in the 90s. It is inspired by disco music from the 70s. House music was born in Chicago, America.

This is repetitive, synthesiser music.

One band who play House music are S Express.

Reggae music - originated in Jamaica in the 1960s.

Lyrics in Reggae music are often about news, religion, current events and how people live.

This music has short, repeated patterns often played low, on a bass guitar.

Bob Marley is a famous reggae singer.

Rock and Roll music - originated in the USA in the late 1940s/early 1950s. It took musical ideas and styles from other genres such as blues, jazz and gospel music. Rock and Roll has also influenced fashion, attitudes and lifestyle.

This music often has a verse, a chorus and a bridge and is usually played on electric guitars with rhythm and melody played on electric guitars.

Little Richard and Chuck Berry are known for their fast paced rock and roll songs.