

Prior Learning

Building Blocks: PUPILS WILL KNOW:

Elements of music

Music notation

Instrumental and vocal ensemble skills

Lyric writing

Links to other subjects

English: song writing (sentence structure, word setting, imagery).

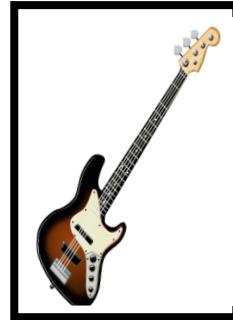
History: defining moments of the twentieth century and how societal changes can impact cultural development and vice versa.



DBJA Year 6



Popular Music



What is "popular" music?



Vocabulary

Popular: liked by many people.

Genre: a category of music (an umbrella term - e.g., "pop" music is a genre).

Style: a type (of music).

Popular styles: similar characteristics, but with some key differences, e.g., rock n roll, beat music, heavy metal, disco and Britpop.

Pop song structure terms: - intro, verse, chorus, outro.

Chord: a group of notes played together on instruments like the guitar or piano.

Chord sequence: patterns of chords.

Lyrics: the words of a song.

Time signature: how many beats are in a bar.

Backing vocals: vocal parts that sing in harmony.

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Triad: a three-note chord.

Song structure terms: link/break, pre-chorus, instrumental, bridge section, intro/outro.

Arrangement: where an existing pop song is taken and reworked and is made to sound different.

Demographic: a sector of the population, e.g., young adults.

KEY SKILLS TAUGHT

- Analyse the key features of various popular music styles.
- Discuss different types of pop songs with confidence and accuracy.
- Perform chord sequences and sing popular music songs, with accuracy and confidence.
- Compare arrangements (covers) of the same song, analysing the similarities and differences.

KEY KNOWLEDGE TAUGHT

BY THE END OF THIS UNIT PUPILS SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- Explain what is meant by "popular" music.
- Understand that "popular" music has lots of different sounds.
- Know the various factors and influences that make a pop song, or group, popular (how does it/do they become popular?).
- Recall key popular music bands and artists from the past seventy years.
- Identify the different features of key popular music styles.
- Consider typical popular instruments, chords, lyrics and structures used in popular music.