

Knowledge Organiser

HT6 How is time and metre important in Dance music?

What are we learning about?:

- A. What are the key characteristics of a Waltz?
- B. Keywords
- C. What is a Jig?
- D. What are the roots of Disco Music?
- E. How does Club Dance Music appear in a range of styles?

B:	Keywords
Time Signature	This shows how many beats are in each Bar
Compound Time	6/8 and 9/8. There are dotted notes in each Bar
Dominant 7th	Chord with a 7 th note (Dominant 7 th Chord would include C E G B)
Loop	Section of Music that repeats
Bar Lines	Lines that separates individual Bars
Imitation	A Musical idea repeated in another instrument or vocal part

Keywords for this Half Term

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A:

What are the key characteristics of a Waltz?

A paired dance with couples close, arms around and facing each other. This was popular in Vienna and became a fashionable ballroom dance.



- Simple triple metre (3/4 time signature)
- Emphasis on the first beat of the bar
- Homophonic texture (Melody and accompaniment)
- Slow harmonic rhythm using primary chords (I, IV & V).
- Performed by the Orchestra in particular Strings



C:

What is a Jig?

Traditional Folk dances from Ireland include intricate footwork and arms by sides.

- Reel
- Compound time (6/8)
- Simple time (2/4 or 4/4)
- "Two in a bar" feel
- Compound time (6/8)
- Simple time (2/4 or 4/4)
- Continuous bouncy quavers or semiquaver rhythms
- Fast tempo
- Binary form
- Folk instruments include Violin, Flute, Tin whistle, Accordion, Bodhran and Harp.



D:

What are the roots of Disco Music?

Disco Music appeared in the 1970's as an individual, improvised dance in clubs from a mix of jazz, funk and soul.

- Simple quadruple metre (4/4)
- Fast tempo
- Simple chord patterns using chords I and V.
- Popular song form with a strong groove (long repeated rhythm section)
- Fade out endings, and catchy Riffs
- Guitars, vocals, drums, string/brass sounds, synthesisers, samples.



E:

How does Club Dance Music appear in a range of styles?

Dance Music is influenced by Music Technology; Samplers, Synthesizers, Sequencers and Drum Machines. Dance Music is used within genres such as; House, Techno, Drum and Bass, Garage, Trance and Ambient.

- Simple quadruple metre (4/4).
- Use of electronic sounds.
- Strong beat emphasised by the drum and strong bass lines.
- Short phrases and repetitive sections.
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- Complex, layered drum patterns.



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