

1 – Listen & Appraise: The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air (Hip Hop)

Structure: Piano intro, verse 1, verse 2, chorus, verse 3, interlude, chorus, verse 4 with tag ending

Instruments/sounds you can hear: Loops, samples, decks, scratching, drums, bass, synthesizer, rapper.

Can you find the pulse as you are listening? Is the tempo fast, slow or inbetween? Dynamics? Texture?

2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

Warm-up games play and copy back using up to 3 notes – D, E + F.

Bronze: D | Silver: D + E | Gold: D, E + F challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

Singing/rapping in unison.

Play instrumental parts with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 3 notes – D, G + A.

Which part did you play?

Improvise using up to 3 notes – D, E + F.

Bronze: D | Silver: D + E | Gold: D, E + F challenge.

Which challenge did you get to?

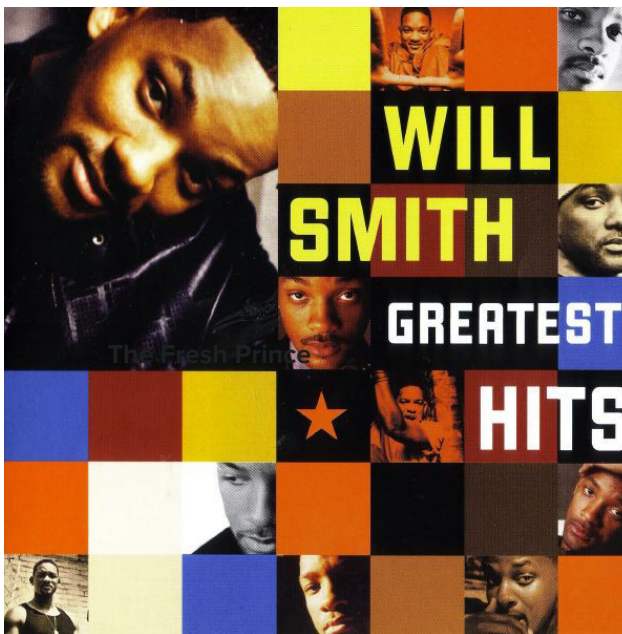
Compose a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes D, E + F or D, E, F, G + A.

3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some choreography? Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

The performance will include one or more of the following:

Improvisations • Instrumental performances • Compositions



About this Unit

Theme: Old-school Hip Hop.

Facts/info:

The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air was written and performed by Will Smith in 1990 for a television series of the same name. The music and show were written by Quincy Jones.

Listen to 5 other hip hop songs:

- Me Myself and I by De La Soul
- Ready or Not by Fugees
- Rapper's Delight by The Sugarhill Gang
- U Can't Touch This by MC Hammer
- It's Like That by Run DMC

Vocabulary: Old-school Hip Hop, Rap, riff, synthesizer, deck, backing loops, Funk, scratching, unison, melody, compose, improvise, cover, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure

Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Did you have any strong feelings about it? Were you proud of yourself, happy or annoyed?

What are the 'style indicators' of Hip Hop?

How do you know this is Hip Hop?

Are there other hip hop artists do you know or like listening to? Any young female rappers?

1 – Listen & Appraise: The Three Note Bossa & Five Note Swing

Structure (Three note Bossa): Intro tune, lead tune, lead repeated, improvisation, lead repeated.

Structure (Five note Swing): 8-bar intro, the same 8 bar tune repeated, middle 8, head, head repeated.

Instruments/voices you can hear: Piano, bass, drums, glockenspiel

2 – Musical Activities using glocks and/or recorders

Play instrumental parts with the music by ear using the notes G, A + B and D, E, G, A + B.

Improvise in a Bossa Nova style using the notes G, A + B.

Improvise in a swing style using the notes D, E, G, A + B.

Did you play both? Which notes did you use?

3 – Perform & Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some choreography? Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

The performance will include one or more of the following:

Improvisations • Instrumental performances



About this Unit

Themes: Jazz and improvisation, and Swing.

Facts/info:

- Bossa Nova originated in South America.
- Swing became popular in the 1940s.

Listen to 4 other bossa nova or swing pieces:

- Desafinado by Stan Getz (swing)
- Cotton Tail by Ben Webster
- 5 Note Swing by Ian Gray
- Perdido by Woody Herman

Vocabulary: Appraising, Bossa Nova, syncopation, structure, Swing, tune/head, note values, note names, Big bands, improvise, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, riff, hook, solo

Reflection

What did you like best about this Unit? Why? Was there anything you didn't enjoy about it? Why?

Did you have any strong feelings about it? Were you proud of yourself, happy or annoyed?

What are the 'style indicators' of Bossa Nova and Swing?

How do you know this is Bossa Nova or swing music? Can you find out more about Bossa and Swing?