## **Key Knowledge and Understanding**

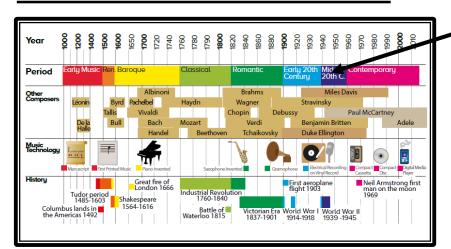
Songs can make you feel different emotions- a lot of the songs in WWII reflected the events happening in the world. Some were looking towards the future or some were patriotic and buoyant.

Songs usually follow a verse, chorus, verse **structure**, with the chorus often repeated as this can be the "catchy" bit of the song

A soundscape is the natural and human-made sounds that help to define a sense of place.

A performance needs to be rehearsed so everyone knows what they are doing and when. It involves communicating feelings, thoughts and ideas about a song/music

## YEAR 4 Exploring the Music of WWII



Key Vocabulary	Definition
Pitch	how low or high a note sounds
Timbre	quality of sound, what makes instruments sound different to each other
Dynamics	Volume of music crescendo getting louder, diminuendo getting quieter
Tempo	speed of the music
Rhythm	pattern of long and short sounds as you move through the music
Melody	the tune- the bit you find yourself humming
Verse/Chorus	Verses are a series of lyrics (words) used to express the main point and topic of a song.  Chorus is the part of a song that is repeated, usually after each verse
Repetition	Repetition in music, when put quite simply, is when sounds or sequences are used more than
	once during a piece.
Call and response	A music technique similar to a conversation. E.g. a phrase is played or sung and it is responded to in the following phrase of music.

Music played a crucial role in boosting morale during World War Two. Songs from both sides of the Atlantic topped the charts, got people on the dance floor and rallied spirits through many dark days and nights on the home front and abroad.

Jazz, swing and big band were the main styles of music during World War Two. By World War 2, radio had become popular. Most households had one, creating a sense of community as families huddled around to listen to popular music playing alongside news broadcasts and alerts about the war. Artists were encouraged to produce uplifting music to support the troops and keep public morale



SIGNIFICANT MUSICAL
ARTIST
Vera Lynn
(1917-2020)

was an English singer, songwriter and entertainer whose musical recordings and performances were very popular during the Second World War

