

Key Knowledge and Understanding

Blues and jazz originated in the Southern United States around the late 1800s to early 1900s, with blues arriving first, then jazz a little later. Both were **inventions of African Americans**, who combined African musical concepts with European musical concepts, thus making these both uniquely American music genres.

Improvisation is an important part of Jazz

A pentatonic scales contain 5 notes which are based on five notes from a major scale (you remove the fourth and seventh notes).

Key Vocabulary

Definition

Pitch

how low or high a note sounds

Duration

length of time each note is played/sung for

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

During the 20th Century there was a significant change in the variety of music that people could listen to with the introduction of the gramophone. It enabled the working class to have greater access to music generally associated with the middle and upper classes e.g. classical/opera

The following names are well known blues/jazz musicians that you could listen to...

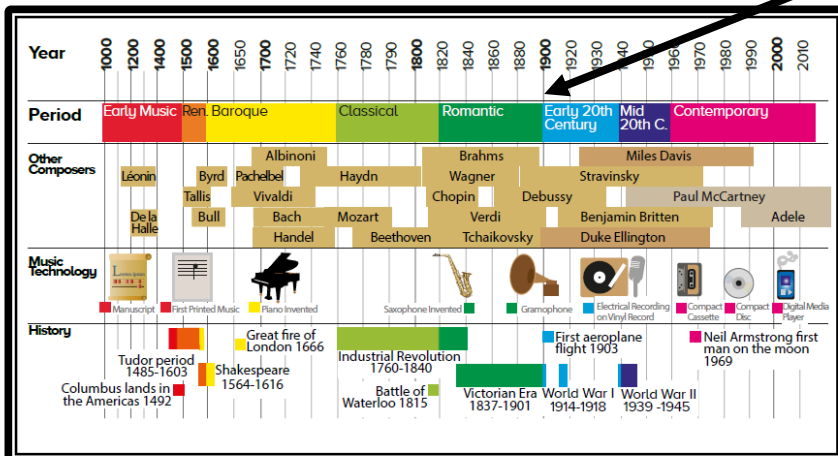
Miles Davis
Mary Lou Williams
John Coltrane
Billie Holiday

SIGNIFICANT MUSICIANS and COMPOSERS

Evelyn Glennie

Evelyn is the first person in musical history to successfully create and sustain a full-time career as a solo percussionist.

What makes this more astounding is that since the age of 12, she has been profoundly deaf, which means she can register sounds, but only at a faint level.



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