

Musical Conversations

Key composer, genre and instruments

Aretha Franklin
Born 1942
Died 2018

Aretha Franklin was an American singer, songwriter and pianist. She is known as one of the greatest singers of all time.
Aretha's mother was a gospel singer in church so Aretha grew up listening to her singing a lot and singing in church too.
Her style of music is gospel and blues



Gospel music

Music originating in African American churches.

Blues music

Blues music also originated in African American communities. It often sounds sad as people would use to sing about their troubles in life.

Popular songs by Aretha Franklin

Say a little Prayer
Respect
Think



Instruments for Blues music



Key Skills

Create musical conversations by copying rhythms on the same and different instruments.

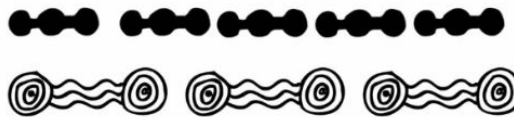
Play percussion instruments at the right time in the correct sequence.

Use symbols to represent sounds.

Make a graphic score using symbols for a piece of music they have composed.

Play other children's compositions.

Examples of symbols and graphic scores:



Relevant songs

RESPECT
Think
Duelling Banjos

Key Vocabulary

pulse	A steady beat.
improvise	Use quick ideas - try out different sounds.
compose	Write down your music ideas
symbol	A picture to represent a sound or how to play.
Blues	A style of music which started in America.
Gospel music	Another style of music that started in America.
percussion	An instrument you can hit, shake or scrape to make a sound.
graphic score	A picture of sounds to show what you have composed as a whole piece of music
harmonica	A wind instrument played by blowing or sucking air through it.
saxophone	A woodwind instrument made of a curved metal tube with a narrower part that is blown into and keys that are pressed to make different notes.
musical conversation	Playing music in turns like a phone conversation showing different emotions: happy, angry, sad.

