

Exploring sounds in the classroom and reading symbols

Key composer, genre and instruments

Ma Rainey

Born 1866 and died 1939 in the United States of America. Known as the 'mother of the Blues', her real name was Gertrude Pridgett. She was one of the first Blues singers to record music.



Blues music

Blues music often sounded sad because the people who sang it had a hard life. Singing made them feel better.

Popular instruments used in Blues music

Guitar, saxophone, harmonica, piano, double bass.



Key Skills

Create musical sound effects and improvise sounds with classroom objects.

Play percussion instruments and sing loudly and quietly.

Read symbols for loud, quiet, getting louder, getting quieter, silence, hit, scrape, shake.

Use technology such as iPads and Chromebooks to capture sound.

Begin to conduct others in a group.

Examples of symbols used

Loud



Quiet



Silence



Hit



Scrape



Shake



Relevant songs

Bang Bang the sticks go bang

I can see coconuts

I am the music man



Key Vocabulary

pulse	A steady beat.
improvise	Use quick ideas - try out different sounds.
timbre	The different sounds instruments can make, blowing, hitting, scraping.
symbol	A picture to represent a sound or how to play.
blues	A style of music which started in America.
conductor	Someone who decides when and how a group/orchestra plays.
percussion	An instrument you can hit, shake or scrape to make a sound.
record	To save music to listen to again later. Might be on an iPad/Chromebook/record player.
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.
guitar	A six stringed instrument.
record player	Used before CDs were invented.

