





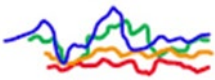




















Year 9 – Ground Bass Knowledge Organiser

Musical Context	Key Composers	Musical Conventions	Melody Writing	Useful Links												
<p>Ground Bass was a popular way of composing music in the Baroque period (1600 – 1750)</p>  <p>A ground bass is made up of a repeating bass line that is heard throughout the piece and helps to structure the music</p> <p>In the Baroque period, the ground bass was most commonly played on the harpichord and cello</p> <p>Composers layer chords and melodies over the ground bass to create a polyphonic texture</p> <p>Perhaps the most famous ground bass composition is Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel</p> <p>Pachelbel's Canon has been used in by other composers and can be heard in some pop music, such as All Together Now by The Farm (1990)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Henry Purcell</p>  <p>Famous works include Music for a While and Dido's Lament</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Johann Pachelbel</p>  <p>Famous works include Canon in D</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Michael Nyman</p>  <p>Famous works include Time Lapse and Chasing Sheep Is Best Left To Shepherds</p>	<p>Ground Bass – a bass part that is repeated over and over again</p>  <p>Basso continuo – the bassline is doubled by the harpsichord and cello to give greater emphasis</p>  <p>Polyphonic – a layered texture with several different parts combined together</p> 	<p>Chord Notes – a melody built using notes from a given chord</p>  <p>Passing Notes – Non-chord notes that are used to pass between chord notes</p>  <p>Auxiliary Notes – Notes moving one step away from a chord note before returning</p>  <p>Conjunct – a melody moving smoothly in step</p>  <p>Disjunct – a melody containing a number of leaps</p> 	<p>Check out some amazing ground music using these links:</p> <p>https://youtube.com/watch?v=JvNQLJ1_HQO</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSy-gfnvIM4</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-H--Z9UzQYE</p> <p>Learn more about Ground Bass Music and expand your knowledge:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z8tsh39/revision/3</p>												
	Test Yourself			Note Values												
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In which period of music were ground bass compositions widely used? • What is basso continuo? • What is a passing note? • What is an auxiliary note? • What name is given to a texture that contains different parts combined together? 			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #d9ead3;"> <th style="width: 50%;">Note Name</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Note Symbol</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Semibreve</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minim</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crotchet</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quaver</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pair of Quavers</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Note Name	Note Symbol	Semibreve		Minim		Crotchet		Quaver		Pair of Quavers	
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