

Year 7 - Samba Music Knowledge Organiser

Musical Context	Test Yourself	Musical Conventions and Keywords		Useful Links
<p>Samba is the national music of Brazil in South America.</p> <p>Samba has Afro-Brazilian roots.</p> <p>Samba is associated with street carnivals in Rio de Janeiro.</p> <p>Communities battle it out to have the best floats.</p> <p>Each community will have its own 'samba school' where the music is put together.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samba is the national music of which country? In which continent is this country? Samba has its roots in which other continent? What is Samba used for? What instruments are used in Samba Batucada? How many beats in a bar are there in Samba music? Can you describe the sound of Samba Batucada? 	<p>Samba Batucada is played on percussion instruments.</p> <p>Samba music has a strong musical pulse of 2 beats in a bar, so you can march to it.</p> <p>Samba music uses lots of different rhythms to create musical excitement.</p>	<p>Samba music is led by one person using a special whistle called the Apito.</p> <p>The Apito is used to give signals and instructions to the performers.</p> <p>It is very loud and is heard over the whole Samba band.</p> <p>Its design means that it can create 3 different pitches.</p>	<p>Check out some amazing Samba performances using these links:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TyTdnj0eulo</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyOTI2PvIJo</p> <p>Learn more about Minimalist Music and expand your knowledge:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zrk9dxs/revision/1</p>





Repinique
A small high pitched drum played with hand or stick.



Agogo
Metallic bell with two pitches played with a stick.



Caixa
A drum with springs underneath that vibrate when the skin of the drum is struck.



Ganza
A handheld shaker.








Surdo
A large drum, often in three different sizes - high, medium and low pitch - played with a soft beater.



Tamborim
A small high pitched drum played with a beater.

Samba music often contains **call and response**.

Samba music is **loud, rhythmic** and **exciting**.

Notation – Note Duration			Elements of Music
Note Name	Note Symbol	Note Value	
Semibreve		4 beats	<p>Texture: Samba music is made up of many different layers, creating a complex musical texture, called a polyrhythmic texture.</p> <p>Duration: Musical patterns of different note lengths create interesting rhythms.</p> <p>Tempo: A constant pulse/beat helps keep all the performers together.</p>
Minim		2 beats	
Crotchet		1 beat	
Quaver		½ of a beat	
Pair of Quavers		2 x ½ beats = 1	