




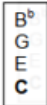

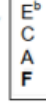

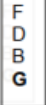



Year 8 - Blues Song Knowledge Organiser

Musical Context	Key Composers	Musical Conventions	Blues Song Lyrics	Useful Links																																																																											
<p>Originated in America in the late 1800's.</p> <p>New Orleans and the Mississippi Delta.</p> <p>Blues developed from Spirituals and Work Songs (associated with slavery).</p> <p>Blues Songs reflect the feelings and emotions of the African American communities.</p>  <p>Country Blues</p> <p>Developed in rural parts of America (Mississippi and Texas). Songs accompanied by a single instrument and kept simple.</p>	<p>B.B. King</p>  <p>Famous works include The Thrill is Gone and Downhearted.</p> <p>Bessie Smith</p>  <p>Famous works Include Back Water Blues and Down Hearted Blues.</p> <p>Robert Johnson</p>  <p>Famous works include Crossroad and Rambling on My Mind.</p>	<p>Simple accompaniments (Just a solo singer with guitar).</p> <p>4/4 Metre</p> <p>The Blues Scale and 'Blue' notes give the genre a distinctive sound.</p> <p>C Eb F F# G Bb</p> <p>Slow tempo.</p> <p>Structure often contains verses and instrumental sections.</p> <p>Improvisation was very common during instrumental fills.</p> <div data-bbox="1093 790 1662 941" style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>"What is the blues? Life. Life as we live it today, life as we've lived it in the past, and life as I believe we will live it in the future." - B.B. King</p> </div>	<p>The lyrics tell a story about life.</p> <p>AAB vocal structure: The first line is repeated before the last line.</p> <p>The end of each line will often rhyme.</p> <p>Each vocal line often has an instrumental 'fill' at the end.</p> <p>Each line is accompanied with 4 bars of music.</p>	<p>Check out some amazing Blues songs using these links:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fk2prKnYnI</p> <p>http://www.musicalcontexts.co.uk/index_files/Y8U4/Y8U4A4.mp3</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFkmRp_G2uo</p> <p>Learn more about Blues Music and expand your knowledge:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zjhtng8/revision/2</p>																																																																											
<p>City Blues</p> <p>Developed in the cities. More sophisticated and often accompanied by a full band.</p> 	<p>Test Yourself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In what century did blues song music start? In which country did Blues music originate? What name is given to the chord pattern that accompanies a blues song? What structure pattern do the 3 lines of lyrics follow? What name is given to the improvised melody at the end of each vocal line? 	<p>12 Bar Blues Chord Pattern in C and Seventh Chords</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="929 997 1467 1348"> <tr> <td>Vocal Line 1</td> <td>C</td> <td>C</td> <td>C</td> <td>C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vocal Line 2</td> <td>F</td> <td>F</td> <td>C</td> <td>C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vocal Line 3</td> <td>G</td> <td>F</td> <td>C</td> <td>C</td> </tr> </table> <div data-bbox="1131 1356 1915 1468" style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>C7</p>   </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>F7</p>   </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>G7</p>   </div> </div> <table border="1" data-bbox="1478 997 2116 1348"> <thead> <tr> <th>BAR</th> <th>1</th> <th>2</th> <th>3</th> <th>4</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td colspan="2">Lost my job</td> <td>got no</td> <td>money for the rent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Melody</td> <td>C Eb C</td> <td>C C</td> <td>Eb Eb C C C</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chords</td> <td>CEG</td> <td>CEG</td> <td>CEG</td> <td>CEG</td> </tr> <tr> <th>BAR</th> <th>5</th> <th>6</th> <th>7</th> <th>8</th> </tr> <tr> <td>A</td> <td colspan="2">Lost my job</td> <td>got no</td> <td>money for the rent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Melody</td> <td>F Eb F</td> <td>F F</td> <td>Eb Eb C C C</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chords</td> <td>FAC</td> <td>FAC</td> <td>CEG</td> <td>CEG</td> </tr> <tr> <th>BAR</th> <th>9</th> <th>10</th> <th>11</th> <th>12</th> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td colspan="2">Guess I'm gonna have to</td> <td>save every</td> <td>dime and cent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Melody</td> <td>G G BbG G G</td> <td>F F Eb C</td> <td>Eb C</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chords</td> <td>G B D</td> <td>FAC</td> <td>CEG</td> <td>CEG</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Vocal Line 1	C	C	C	C	Vocal Line 2	F	F	C	C	Vocal Line 3	G	F	C	C	BAR	1	2	3	4	A	Lost my job		got no	money for the rent	Melody	C Eb C	C C	Eb Eb C C C		Chords	CEG	CEG	CEG	CEG	BAR	5	6	7	8	A	Lost my job		got no	money for the rent	Melody	F Eb F	F F	Eb Eb C C C		Chords	FAC	FAC	CEG	CEG	BAR	9	10	11	12	B	Guess I'm gonna have to		save every	dime and cent	Melody	G G BbG G G	F F Eb C	Eb C		Chords	G B D	FAC	CEG	CEG	<p>Finished Example</p>
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