

Y7 THE ELEMENTS OF MUSIC



AND THE GRAPHIC SCORE



"It is cruel, you know, that music should be so beautiful. It has the beauty of loneliness, pain, of strength and freedom. The beauty of disappointment and never-satisfied love."

Benjamin Britten

KEY VOCABULARY

Music - a series of organised sounds usually containing notes and a rhythm

Sound - a series of vibrations

Rhythm - a pattern of different beats

Pitch - high and low notes

Tempo - fast or slow

Structure - the distance between 2 notes

Dynamics - loud and quiet

Duration - the length of a note

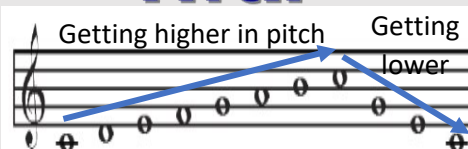
Timbre - the different sounds an instrument makes

Texture - how many parts are playing

Graphic Score - music written in pictures

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PITCH



DYNAMICS



TIMBRE



All of these instruments make a different sound

TEXTURE



GRAPHIC SCORE

This is where music is written in pictures and symbols rather than notes.

E.g.

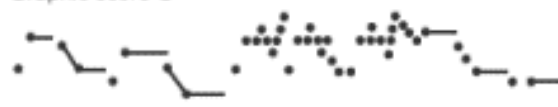
Graphic score A



Graphic score B



Graphic score C



Graphic score D



Graphic score E



Think about what each of these graphic patterns could represent. Each time you play one, it will be different to the last

WIDER LISTENING

'Dawn Interlude' from Peter Grimes by Benjamin Britten

'Peter and Wolf' by Benjamin Britten

Disney's 'Fantasia'

EXAMPLE OF A GRAPHIC SCORE

