Burwell Village College Primary

Listening and Appreciating – Country Music

Vocabulary	
rhythm	the pattern of long and short sounds in music
pulse	the steady heartbeat of the music
dynamics	how loud or quiet the music is
timbre	the sound quality that makes one instrument or voice different from another
interlude	a short piece of music played between parts of a song
drone	a long, held sound that stays the same while other music plays
melody	the main tune of the music that you can sing or hum
harmony	notes played or sung together that support the melody
bridge	a section of music that sounds different and links two main parts together
tempo	how fast or slow the music is
texture	how many sounds or parts are heard in the music at the same time

Scale C

A scale is a group of notes played in order, going up or down. In a scale, there are is 8 notes called an octave.



Country Music

Country music is a style of music that began in the southern United States. It often tells stories about everyday life — family, friends, travelling, and the countryside. Country songs usually have a warm, relaxed sound and are easy to sing along to.

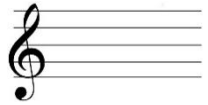
Country music often has:

- clear storytelling
- steady rhythms
- catchy choruses
- a mix of gentle and lively sounds

Some famous country singers are:

- Johnny Cash
- Dolly Parton
- Patsy Cline
- Kenny Rogers

Musical Symbols


treble clef and stave


crescendo (getting louder)


decrescendo or diminuendo (getting quieter)


fortissimo (very loud)


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Instruments



Acoustic guitars are often the backbone of country music, providing rhythm and melody.

Banjos can be found in traditional bluegrass, country music and have a distinctive twangy sound.





Pedal steel guitars produce the smooth, sliding sounds that's a signature of country music ballads.

Harmonicas are used in many country songs, especially those with a folk or blues influence.



Duration of Notes

Duration means how long a note is held or played for. This can be dictated on sheet music by the type of note used.

Note Name	Note Symbol	Note Length
semibreve		4 beats
minim		2 beats
crotchet		1 beat
quaver		1/2 beat
semiquaver		1/4 beat