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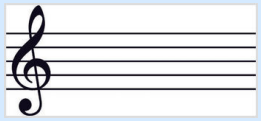
Listening & Appreciating - Rock

Key Vocabulary	
melody	the main tune of the music that you can sing or hum
harmony	notes played or sung together that support the melody
rhythm	the pattern of long and short sounds in music
tempo	how fast or slow the music is
timbre	the sound quality that makes one instrument or voice different from another
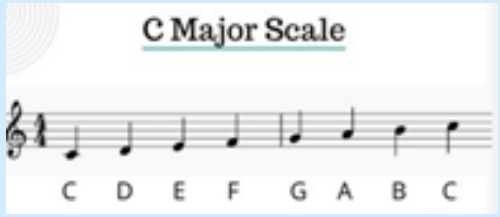
The notes on a **stave** show how high or low a note is.

The higher up the lines (stave) the higher the pitch.

Some rock vocalists, like Axel Rose from Guns and Roses, have a huge range of pitches from bass notes up to treble, up to 4 **octaves** (4 groups of 8 notes).



stave



Dynamics are how loud or quiet the music is. They also describe how the music changes in volume over time.

Very loud music is called **fortissimo**. *ff*

Very quiet music is called **pianissimo**. *pp*

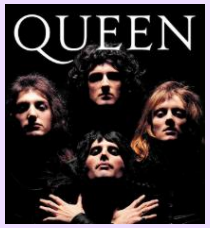
Musicians also show changes is dynamics (getting louder and quieter) using symbols.



Rock is a popular music style which came from America during the late 1940s and early 1950s. The classic rock sound is created electric guitars, an electric bass guitar, a double bass and drums. Many rock bands were formed in the 1960s. Rock bands include: Queen, The Beatles and Led Zeppelin.







Structure

Rock music usually follows a really simple structure. A verse, followed by a repeated verse (usually with different lyrics) a chorus another verse chorus and then a **bridge. A bridge is a piece of music with the song that has a different feel or timbre.** It is used to break up the song. It usually has lyrics of its own.

Music is written as a series of **notes** on a stave.

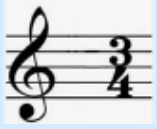
The **pitch** is described by how high up the stave the note is drawn.

The duration is shown by different shapes of note.

A lot of music is written in common time or 4/4. Each bar contains four crotchet beats. Other notes and rests can be used, as long as their total duration equals four crotchet beats.

Note	Name	Beats
𝅝	semibreve	4 beats
𝅗𝅥	minim	2 beats
♩	crotchet	1 beat
♪	quaver	½ beat
𝅘𝅥𝅯	semiquaver	¼ beat





Some songs are in 3/4 time. This means there are 3 crotchet beats in each bar.