

Music Summer Home Learning

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Instructions

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Welcome to your Music Summer Home Learning assignment! This is an opportunity for you to create a PowerPoint presentation (or use another software of your choice) that will last between 2 - 5 minutes. Your goal is to showcase your understanding of music and share your personal musical interests with your classmates. Below is a set of detailed suggestions to help you complete this assignment successfully.

Presentation Features - 3 sections

1. The Elements of Music - MAD TSHIRTT

In this section, you will explore the fundamental elements of music represented by the acronym MAD TSHIRTT, as covered in our classes this year.

- **Definition:** What does MAD TSHIRTT stand for?
- **Key Vocabulary:** For each element, provide a clear definition and explanation. Here are some ideas for how to break it down:
 - **M - Melody:** Describe what melody is and why it is important in music.
 - **A - Articulation:** Explain how articulation affects the way music is played or sung.
 - **D - Dynamics:** Discuss the concept of dynamics and how it influences the emotional impact of a piece.
 - **T - Texture:** Define texture in music and give examples of different textures.
 - **S - Structure:** Talk about the structure of music and how it organizes a piece.
 - **H - Harmony:** Explain harmony and its role in creating depth in music.
 - **I - Instrumentation:** Describe instrumentation and how different instruments contribute to a piece.
 - **R - Rhythm:** Discuss the importance of rhythm in music.
 - **T - Timbre:** Explain timbre and how it distinguishes different sounds.
 - **T - Tempo:** Define tempo and its effect on the feel of the music.

- **Give Examples:** For each element, provide specific examples from songs or pieces of music that illustrate these concepts. This could include mentioning well-known songs that highlight each element.
- **Bonus Sound Clips:** Enhance your presentation by including sound clips that demonstrate musical features such as **crescendo** (a gradual increase in loudness) or **Tertiary form** (a specific structure in music). Make sure to explain what the audience should listen for in each clip.

2. Your Favourite Music

In this section, you will share your personal musical interests.

- **Choose Your Focus:** Select a specific genre, artist, album, or song that resonates with you. Be sure to choose something you are passionate about!
- **Background Information:** Provide some history about your choice. This could include the artist's background, the genre's origins, or the album's release context.
- **Personal Connection:** Explain why this music is your favourite. What emotions does it evoke? How has it impacted your life or your experiences?
- **Examples:** Mention popular songs or instruments associated with your choice.
- **Cultural Context:** Describe the cultural origins and influences of the music. How does it reflect the society or time period it comes from?
- **Genre Classification:** Identify the genre of your choice and discuss its characteristics.

3. You as a Musician

In this section, you will reflect on your own musical journey.

- **Instrument:** What instrument do you play? Share how long you have been playing it and any grades or achievements you have accomplished; perhaps you are part of an ensemble/band, or you have taken part in showcases outside of school.
- **GCSE Music:** Explain why you chose to study GCSE Music. What interests you about the subject?
- **Meaning of Music:** Reflect on what music means to you personally. How does it influence your life or your emotions?
- **Looking Forward:** Share what you are excited about for the upcoming year in music. Are there specific goals you want to achieve or experiences you hope to have?

Presentation Style

To make your presentation engaging and visually appealing, consider the following tips:

- **Visual Appeal:** Use colourful slides with images and graphics that relate to your content. This will help keep your audience's attention.
- **Musical Elements:** Incorporate background music and sound clips throughout your presentation. This will enhance the experience and provide a richer understanding of the concepts you are discussing.
- **Engagement:** Keep your audience interested by asking questions or sharing fun facts related to your topic. This interaction can make your presentation more memorable.

Sharing Your Presentation

- **Class Sharing:** Be prepared to present your work in our first lesson(s) back. Make sure you know your material well so you can present confidently.
- **Timing:** Keep your presentation within the 2-5 minute limit. Practice beforehand to ensure you can cover all your points without rushing.

Final Tips

- **Practice:** Rehearse your presentation multiple times. This will help you feel more confident and comfortable when presenting to your classmates.
- **Feedback:** Consider presenting to a family member or friend first to get their feedback. They can provide helpful suggestions for improvement.
- **Enjoy the Process:** Remember to have fun while creating and sharing your presentation. This is a chance to express your passion for music!

Good luck with your presentations! I can't wait to see your creativity and hear about your musical interests!