



WORLD MUSIC



Y9 – Lesson 2



Learning objectives

- I will know about the history of Reggae music.
- I will understand the features of Reggae music.
- I will be able to play a Reggae piece on the keyboard.

Starter Activity

- Write down the name of as many different musical styles as you can think of (don't forget to consider music from other countries too)

What is Reggae music?

- Reggae is a style of popular music that originated in Jamaica in the late 1960s and quickly emerged as the country's dominant genre.
- Reggae bands incorporate musical ideas from many different genres, including mento (a Jamaican folk genre), ska, rocksteady, calypso, American soul music and rhythm and blues.
- Reggae artists often sing of Rastafari, spiritual themes or social justice and is widely perceived as being a voice of the oppressed.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrOsYISfoJ0>



Bob Marley

- Bob Marley is a famous reggae singer, songwriter, and musician who first became famous in his band The Wailers, and later as a solo artist.
- He was born on February 6th 1945 in Nine Mile, Saint Ann, Jamaica.
- He became involved in the Rastafarian movement and this influenced his music style greatly.
- He made the style of Reggae music very popular all over the world. His music told stories of his home and the Rastafarian religion that he followed.
- Some songs were about religion and some songs were about politics, like the song 'Get Up and Stand Up'.

Have a listen...



- Bob Marley:
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2pDMGHQxRA>
- Answer the following questions on the music:
 - Which part of the drum kit is played to start the song?
 - Name an instrument you can see/hear.
 - How would you describe the tempo?
 - Which beats of the bar are accented?
 - What type of technique is used between the singers?

Rastafarianism



- Watch the video which talks about the religion of Rastafarianism and write down 2 things that you learn.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iBkYjNpNdg>

Practical Task

- Today's practical task is to rehearse a Reggae piece on the keyboard.
- You should try to play the chords first, then the chords and bass notes together.
- Once you can play the chords, try moving on to learn the melody.
- <https://www.musicca.com/piano>



E E D D

Musical notation for the first system. The treble clef staff shows two chords: C major (C-E-G) and G major (G-B-D). The bass clef staff shows a sequence of notes: C, E, G, C, E, G, C, E, G, C. The notes are grouped into pairs corresponding to the chords above.

F E D C D C E D C

Musical notation for the second system. The treble clef staff shows a sequence of chords: F major (F-A-C), C major (C-E-G), G major (G-B-D), G major (G-B-D), and C major (C-E-G). The bass clef staff shows a sequence of notes: F, C, G, C, G, C, F, C, G, C, F, C, G, C, F, C, G, C. The notes are grouped into pairs corresponding to the chords above.



	G E C		G E C		G E C		G E C		D B G		D B G		D B G		D B G
C		C		C		C		G		G		G		G	
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

	C A F		C A F		G E C		G E C		C A F		D B G		G E C		G E C
F		F		C		C		F		G		C		C	
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

Quick Quiz



The syncopation guitar part in Reggae is called the:

- a) Drop
- b) Skank
- c) Pulse
- d) Dive

The God that Rastafarians praise is called:

- a) Jesus
- b) Allah
- c) Jah
- d) Dave