



Walk like an Egyptian: How was music used in Ancient Egypt?

1. How do we know music was played in Ancient Egypt?

Music was an important part of every day life in Ancient Egypt. Wall murals showed musicians playing while dancers danced and others stood off and watched. Instruments have been unearthed as well.



Dynamic	Variation of loudness.
Timbre	The quality of the sound.
Tempo	How fast or slow the music is.
Texture	How the layers of sound interact.
melody	Musical sounds which follow each other.
rhythm	A pattern of the musical sounds and silences that occur over time like the steps in a dance, or the words in a poem or song,

2. How was Egyptian music structured?

Music is built up by the long note underneath the main tune to start, then the rhythm joins in.

3. How can I create a melody for an Egyptian piece?









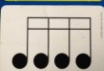
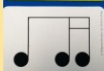

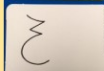

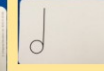
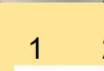


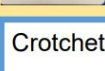
Using the notes 'FACE' in different combinations.

THE SPACES



I remember these spaces because they spell **FACE**

4. What rhythms could I use with my melody?

 bee	 cat-er-pill-ar	 grass-hopp-er	 la-dy-bird		 spi-der	 worm_____
						
1	2	3	4			
						

Crotchet Crotchet Quaver Quaver Crotchet
1 beat + 1 beat + 1/2 beat + 1/2 beat + 1 beat
Count the pulse: 1 2 3 4
The rhythm sounds like Bee Bee Spider Bee



5. Can I compose a piece of music in the style of the Ancient Egyptians?

Combine the melody and rhythm starting with the melody.

