



1. What were the purpose of songs during the war?

- Music and songs helped people cope during the war years.
- Music and songs were written to keep spirits up and think positively about the future.
- Composers used humorous, positive and repetitive lyrics that people could sing along to.
- Melodies had an upbeat tempo that people would enjoy listening too and keep up moral.

2. Why was Vera Lynn so important during WW2?



- Vera Lynn (1924-2020) was an English singer, songwriter and entertainer whose musical recordings and performances were very popular during the Second World War.
- She hosted a radio show where troops and family members could send messages to each other.
- She went into war zones to entertain the troops.
- Two of her most famous songs were:
 - “We’ll meet again”
 - “The White Cliffs of Dover”

Applying Past Knowledge

This learning links with the lessons you had in year 5 learning about chord progression and songs.

3. How can I create my own lyrics inspired by Vera Lynn?

1. Think of a subject that people need to remain positive about (e.g. COVID pandemic/SATs)
2. Use a circle map to think of red and yellow hat thoughts about your subject.
3. Write a verse and chorus in the style of a poem using these ideas. It could rhyme. Your chorus will repeat after each verse.

Key Vocabulary

Structure – how a piece of music is put together.

Melody – the tune of a piece of music.

Lyrics – the words in a song

Fortissimo –loud

Piano –quiet

Diminuendo –getting quieter

Crescendo – getting louder

Tempo –the speed of a piece of music

Presto – fast tempo

Largo –very slow tempo

4. How can I create my own melody using a pentatonic scale?

1. Use the syllables in your chorus and verse to create rhythm.
2. Create a melody using the rhythms and notes in the pentatonic scale (CDEGA)
3. Evaluate, edit and improve your song by changing the tempo, dynamics and structure of your piece.

