

Composition notation: Egyptians

Key vocabulary

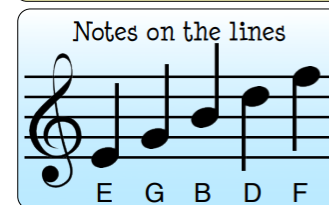
Ancient Egyptians	One of the world's first and most famous civilisations. It was situated in a place we now know as the country Egypt.
Notation	Symbols used to represent music played with instruments or sung by the human voice.
Inspiration	To gain ideas from different sources such as the internet, books and magazines.
Unison	To do the same thing at the same time
Hieroglyphics	A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols
Tempo	The speed of the music. It can remain constant or it can change many times within a piece.
Crochet	A note that has a time value equal to two quavers
Quaver	Quavers are one-eighth of a full note and half the length of a crochet.
Pitch	How high or low a note is.
Stave	The five lines upon which musical notes and symbols are written onto
Melody	The main distinguishable part of a song or piece of music, otherwise called a 'tune'.
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Composition	Making up your own music. People who write music are called composers.
Minor	Small or insignificant

Key Musical Features

- Percussion instruments are instruments which are played by shaking or hitting.
- Tuned percussion instruments include: Xylophone, , tubular bells
- Identify the structure of a piece of music
- Recongising the different note names and the length of each note is important (picture attached)
- Musical notes and symbols are written on a Stave. The note position does not change which means a music sheet doesn't always have the notes shown.
- Composing a piece of music takes patience and time because it is about experimenting what sounds best.

Core Knowledge

- The Ancient Egyptians were around 5000 years ago.
- They wrote using Hieroglyphics, which was a type of writing.
- The River Nile was enormously important to the Egyptians because it provided water, food and transport.
- Pharaohs were kings that were also considered to be Gods
- Hathor and Bes were the Gods of music.



- 1/2 Beat : ♪ quaver
- 1 Beat : ♪ crochet
- 2 Beat : ♪ minim
- 3 Beat : ♪ dotted minim
- 4 Beat : ○ semibreve