

Knowledge Organiser: Structure and form

1. Structure - the plan of the music

2. Form - Set structures in music

3. Binary - Music that has 2 clear sections, A then B. Often they alter in key/tonality and melody.

4. Ternary - Music that has 3 sections, A-B-A. Often the returning A section may differ in some way to the original.

5. Arch Shape - A piece of music that is a mirror image. A-B-C-B-A.

6. Through composed - Music that continues to develop. A-B-C-D-E etc.

7. Rondo - Music that keeps returning to section A. A-B-A-C-A-D-A

8. Pop Song - Usually consists of an intro with verse and chorus alternating.

9. 12 bar blues - Used in blues, this has 12 bars using chords I, IV and V.

10. Variation form - This is where a theme is heard and then a variation on that theme is then played. This can be a simple variation of melody or more complex variation in the following ways.

-Harmony (consonant to dissonant)

-Tonality (change of key)

-Rhythm (change of rhythm using different note values)

-Timbre (change of instrument)

-Dynamic (change of volume).

12 Bar Blues Chord Progression

¹ I	² I	³ I	⁴ I
⁵ IV	⁶ IV	⁷ I	⁸ I
⁹ V	¹⁰ IV	¹¹ I	¹² I or V