



## KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: MUSICAL GENRE 7

### Why dance...?

\*Everyone dances, everywhere, all round the world, all ages, all abilities...we are born wanting to move to music. It comes naturally.

\*People dance to celebrate, to give thanks, to get fit and for fun to name a few—it defines our cultural heritage. It is developed by a community and passed on through the generations

\*It is a form of expression, it keeps us active, keeps our muscle strong, it reduces stress, helps us to relax and keeps us healthy



Waltz	A dance in triple time (you count in 3s) performed by a couple
Baroque and Renaissance times	This is early music from the 1400s to 1750s (see Musical genre 2b)
Charleston	A lively dance from the 1920s which involved turning the knees inwards and kicking out the ankles.
Culture	This is the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of people in society

### History of...

\*People have been dancing for thousands of years. The evidence can be found on Greek pottery



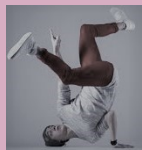
\*People danced at court hundreds of years ago during Baroque and Renaissance times

\*People danced the Waltz in the 17/1800s. Strauss wrote lots of Waltzes.



\*People liked to dance the Charleston in the 1920s and danced to Rock and Roll during the 1950s.

\*Music could now be recorded and played on a record by a DJ. People danced at the Disco during the 1970s. They wore sequins and bell-bottom trousers.



\*Electronic dance music (EDM) was, and still is, very popular. In the 1980s, people were break dancing and Michael Jackson was doing the Moonwalk.

\*People were doing the Vogue, the Running Man and the Macarena in the 1990s

\*Other dances that have been popular since: Cha-Cha Slide, the Harlem Shake, Robotic Body Pop, the Stanky Leg, Gangnam Style, the Dab and the Floss!

### The Evolution of Dance Music...

\*Dance music evolves as technology, society and culture changes

\*Music influences fashion and other styles

\*What will dance music sound like when you are grown-up? How will we dance to it?

### Key music, composers and artists to dance to...

Swan Theme from Swan Lake—Tchaikovsky

Charleston Dance Music

Hooked on Swing—Larry Elgart

Tutti Frutti—Little Richard

Saturday Night Fever—The Bee Gees

Billie Jean - Michael Jackson

Vogue—Madonna

Groove is in the Heart—Deee-lite

It's Like That—Run DMC

Bangarang—Skrillex

### The Ballet...

\*Ballet is a form of performance dance that originated during Renaissance times

\*Probably the most famous ballet is Swan Lake written by Tchaikovsky in 1875 (see Key Pieces 1)

