

Year 5 Music - Summer Term 2: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air





The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air was written and performed by Will Smith in 1990 for a television series of the same name. The music and show were written by Quincy Jones.

1. Listen and Appraise

Structure: Piano intro, verse 1, verse 2, chorus, verse 3, interlude, chorus, verse 4 with tag ending

Instruments/Sounds: Loops, samples, decks, scratching, drums, bass, synthesizer, rapper.

Can you find the pulse as you are listening? Is the tempo fast, slow or inbetween? Dynamics? Texture?

Themes: Old School Hip Hop

What is hip hop music like?

3. Perform and Share

Decide how your class will introduce the performance. Perhaps add some choreography?

Tell your audience how you learnt this song and why. Record the performance and talk about it afterwards.

2. Musical Activities

Singing: rapping in unison.

Play instrumental parts: s with the song by ear and/or from notation using the easy or medium part. You will be using up to 3 notes – D, G + A. Which part did you play?

Improvise: e using up to 3 notes – D, E + F. Bronze: D | Silver: D + E | Gold: D, E + F challenge. Which challenge did you get to?

Compose: a simple melody using simple rhythms choosing from the notes D, E + F or D, E, F, G + A.

backing loops	compose	cover	deck	dynamics	funk
hip hop	improvise	pulse	rhythm	synthesizer	scratching