**Name:**

**Do now activity**

Answer the following question:

**What is instrumentation? (Please underline the correct answer)**

a) The combination of instruments used to perform a piece of music (or song)

b) The unique sound each individual instrument makes

c) A group of musicians performing together

**Starter activity**

Research and then choose two pieces of contrasting music (at least one should contain lyrics).

Try and find pieces that are different in genre (style), that use different instruments/vocals, have varying tempos (speed), and that are contrasting lyrically (maybe one happy/positive and one with a melancholy/sad feel to it).

Song 1:

Song 2:

**Main activity**

Now that you have chosen your music, you need to write an introduction discussing the origin of the song and any interesting facts surrounding it. This should be approximately 100 - 150 words in total (50 - 75 words each).

**Using the following as a guide, write your introduction in the space below:**

* Who wrote the song and when?
* Who performed the song?
* What album was the song off?
* Did the single or album win any awards?
* Where was the song recorded/produced
* Was it recorded by a particularly famous producer? What other songs have they produced?
* Politically and socially what was happening at the time that the song was written? Did this impact the writing of the song? (This point may not be relevant to your song)

Song 1:

Song 2: