***Introduction***

Jazz is a style of Music that originated in the [African-American](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African-American) communities of [New Orleans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Orleans), United States. It originated in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and developed from roots in [blues](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blues) and [ragtime](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ragtime). Since the 1920s, Jazz has become recognized as a major form of musical expression. Jazz has roots in [West African cultural and musical expression](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_of_Africa), and in [African-American music traditions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African-American_music) including [blues](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blues) and [ragtime](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ragtime), as well as European military band music. The most common instruments used in Jazz are: Piano, Trumpet, Trombone, Double Bass and Drums.

Louis Armstrong, One of the most Famous Jazz Musicians

**Starter Activity:**

1. Which century did jazz start in?

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2. Name 3 of the main instruments used in Jazz:

a) ………………………………………..

b) ………………………………………….

c) ………………………………………….

**The Development Of Jazz**

As Jazz became more and more popular around the world, new styles of Jazz started to emerge in certain cities. [New Orleans jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dixieland) began in the early 1910s, combining earlier brass-band marches with a similar to Blues style [improvisation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Improvisation).

In the 1930s, Jazz started to become much more complex in its arrangements and was mainly marketed as ‘Dance Music’. [Kansas City jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_City_jazz) and [Gypsy jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gypsy_jazz) were the prominent styles in the ‘Dance Music’ era of Jazz.

[Bebop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bebop) emerged in the 1940s, shifting jazz from danceable popular music toward a more technically challenging music which was played at faster tempos and used more chord-based improvisation.

[Cool jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cool_jazz) developed near the end of the 1940s, introducing a calmer and smoother sound. It was much less technically difficult to perform than the Bebop Jazz sound.

**Main Activity**

1. Which style of Jazz began in the 1910’s?

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1. What were the 2 prominent styles of ‘Dance Music Jazz’?

a)……………………………………………….. b)………………………………………………………

3. What was the style of Jazz that was more ‘technically challenging’?

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