

## Year 8 Ragtime Home Learning Tasks

The following lessons draw on work which would be set in lessons and additional research or tasks which make music accessible at home.

Each lesson should take an hour to complete. Extension work can be completed outside of this time but is optional.

Upload your work onto Google Classroom. You can either upload documents or take photos of handwritten work and upload these. The link to your Google class was sent to you on Milk.

### Lesson 1

Task	Details	Resources to Support Learning
1.	Watch this video for an introduction to Ragtime. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iBqkoCTPlg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iBqkoCTPlg</a>  Research and write down; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where Ragtime music comes from</li><li>• When it started</li><li>• How is it linked to the slave trade</li></ul>	Google the term ragtime. You may need to put specific questions into google and look at several websites to get all the answers.
2.	List 5 Ragtime performers and their songs. You can find pictures of the artists and add them.	Google
3.	The most famous Ragtime composer is Scott Joplin. You have probably already made a list of his work for task 2. Draw a picture of him and upload a photograph of your drawing	Google Images
<u>Extension</u>	Add some of the Ragtime songs to your project as hyperlinks.	

### Lesson 2

Task	Details	Resources to Support Learning
1.	Ragtime music uses a small selection of instruments - the main one is the piano.  What other instruments was Ragtime music written for? Make a list.	<a href="https://ourpastimes.com/what-instruments-were-used-during-ragtime-12371181.html">https://ourpastimes.com/what-instruments-were-used-during-ragtime-12371181.html</a>
2.	The piano was created in 1700. Can you find a detailed picture of the inside of a piano and use that image to try and describe how a piano works.	<a href="https://www.explainthatstuff.com/piano.html">https://www.explainthatstuff.com/piano.html</a>
3.	Ragtime music is often bouncy and upbeat and quite fast. As it has close links with the slave trade why do you think the music was written this way? Write a paragraph explaining your ideas.	Look at these webpages to help you. <a href="https://www.sutori.com/story/slave-culture-music--EvXFB5k1eMz33ZgqMQqvYHxh">https://www.sutori.com/story/slave-culture-music--EvXFB5k1eMz33ZgqMQqvYHxh</a>  <a href="http://historyengine.richmond.edu/episodes/view/4844">http://historyengine.richmond.edu/episodes/view/4844</a>
<b>Extension</b>	If you have access to an instrument at home you could try and learn a Ragtime song. The most famous is The Entertainer by Scott Joplin. You can usually find this on Youtube.	Youtube

### **Lesson 3**

Task	Details	Resources to Support Learning
1.	America is the main producer of Music in the world. Make a list of other styles of music that originated from America.	Google
2.	Ragtime music is syncopated. Write a definition of the word syncopated. Can you draw a syncopated rhythm?	Google definitions <a href="https://study.com/academy/lesson/syncopation-definition-examples-quiz.html">https://study.com/academy/lesson/syncopation-definition-examples-quiz.html</a>
3.	What other styles of music use syncopation? Make a list of other styles - for example Jazz and Blues. Can you find any more? Write a short description of each style as well.	Google - you may need to look at several websites
<b>Extension</b>	There aren't any album covers for Ragtime music as the artists didn't make albums like they do nowadays! But they did put pictures	

	on the front of the sheet music. Could you find 10 sheet music covers for Ragtime songs?	
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## **Lesson 4**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Resources to Support Learning</b>
1.	<p>Go on Youtube and listen to Maple Leaf Rag.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Describe the speed, pitch and texture of the piece.</li> <li>● What instrument is playing?</li> <li>● Who is the composer/performer?</li> </ul>	Youtube
2.	Write a biography for Scott Joplin. Include his early life and musical career. List all his famous songs and the years he wrote them.	Google
3.	<p>Choose three Joplin songs and listen to them on Youtube. Make a note of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● what the song is called,</li> <li>● what year it was written</li> <li>● what instrument is playing.</li> </ul>	Youtube
<b><u>Extension</u></b>	If there is anything else that you want to add to your project then feel free - be creative.	