



## KS2 Home Learning Music Activities Summer Term - Week 3

HELLO MUSIC MAESTROS! Welcome to another fabulous week of MUSIC 😊

This Friday (8<sup>th</sup> May) is a Bank Holiday! The UK will be commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe day). Here are some VE Day related musical activities for you to enjoy!

### Years 3 and 4

**Listening** – Have a listen to the Horrible Histories team sing their WW2 VE Day song.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-songs-ve-day-song>

How would you describe the mood of the song? What can you hear that creates that mood? Think about musical elements like tempo and rhythm.

**Appraising** - Listen to these World War 2 songs.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-world-war-2-clips-ww2-songs-index/zbg9gwx>

Which is your favourite? Why? Which instruments can you hear?

**Song** – Hang Out the Washing on the Siegfried Line

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mN8wZB8ae8>

A lively number from 1939, this patriotic song was written as a morale booster for the Allied troops in World War II. You can find the lyrics at the end of these notes. Altogether now!

Don't forget the old favourite 'Hey, Mr Miller'. It's based on the Glen Miller tune 'In the Mood'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKmj3VUkuUY>

You can see and hear a part of the original here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-world-war-2-clips-in-the-mood/zvkt2sg>

## Years 5 and 6

**Listening** – Have a listen to the Horrible Histories team sing their WW2 VE Day song.

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Do you think a song from the 1940s would sound like this? Give musical reasons for your answer? Think about the instruments you'd hear, for example.

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Why do you think songs like these were so important to people during World War 2?

Pick two songs. What's different about them? Is anything the same? Use musical language as much as possible.

**Song – Hang Out the Washing on the Siegfried Line**

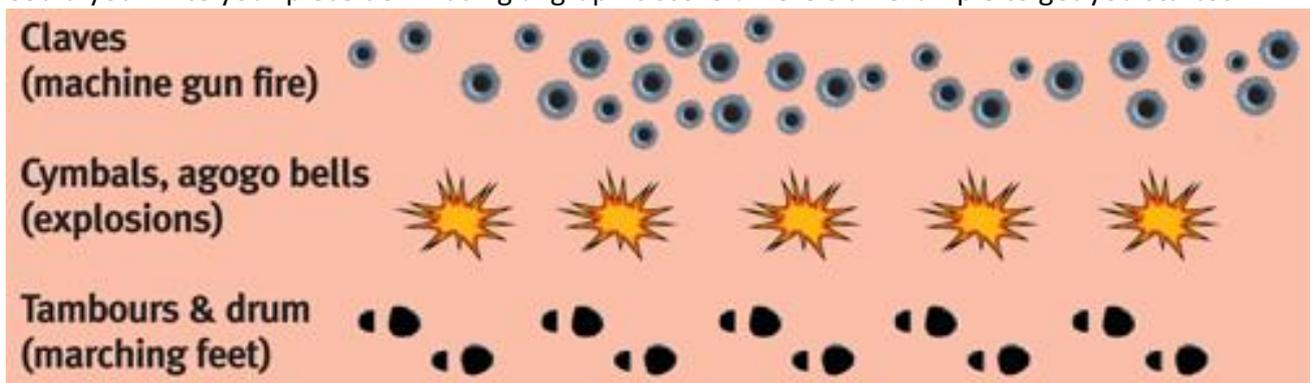
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## All Years

**Composition Activity – Compose a wartime soundscape**

- You'll need a few people to help you with this.
- Think about the sounds that would be heard during an air-raid: gunfire, sirens, explosions, falling masonry, people calling out, soldiers marching etc.
- You probably won't have instruments at home so can you find objects that could represent these sounds? Maybe tap a tray for machine gun fire, hit a metal tin lid for an explosion, use a wooden box for the rhythm of marching feet. I'm sure you could think of others.
- Make up a short piece called 'Air-raid'.
- How will you start? What mood do you want to create? What rhythms will you use? What sounds could represent machine-gun fire? What about dynamics (louds and softs)? How will you end?
- Could you write your piece down using a 'graphic score'? Here's an example to get you started:



Source: [https://www.teachprimary.com/learning\\_resources/view/cross-curricular-topic-wwii](https://www.teachprimary.com/learning_resources/view/cross-curricular-topic-wwii)

If you or someone you live with plays an instrument, could you add a tune or chords to your piece? The music could be based any sounds associated with wartime: ammunition factory machinery, trains taking evacuees away from bombing raids, or countryside noises so unfamiliar to London children.

If you'd like to find out more about VE Day and for loads of activities to try, take a look at: <http://www.kinetikaonline.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/VE-Day-Pack.pdf>

## **Hang Out the Washing on the Siegfried Line**

Mother dear, I'm writing you from somewhere in France,  
Hoping this finds you well.

Sergeant says I'm doing fine, a soldier and a half,  
Here's a song that we'll all sing, it'll make laugh!

We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
Have you any dirty washing, mother dear?  
We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
'Cause the washing day is here.

Whether the weather may be wet or fine,  
We just rub along without a care!  
We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
If the Siegfried Line's still there!

We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
Have you any dirty washing, mother dear?  
We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
'Cause the washing day is here.

Whether the weather may be wet or fine,  
We'll just rub along without a care!  
We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
If the Siegfried Line's still there!

Everybody's mucking in and doing their job,  
Wearing a great big smile.  
Everybody's got to keep their spirit up today,  
if you want to keep in swing,  
Here's a song to sing;

We're going hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
Have you any dirty washing, mother dear?  
We're gonna hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
Why? 'Cause the washing day is here.

Now whether the weather may be wet or fine,  
Well we'll just rub along without a care!  
We're going to hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line,  
Well if the Siegfried Line's still there!

Whether the weather may be wet or fine,  
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