

# Séquence Music Box

## Séance 3: A story of music

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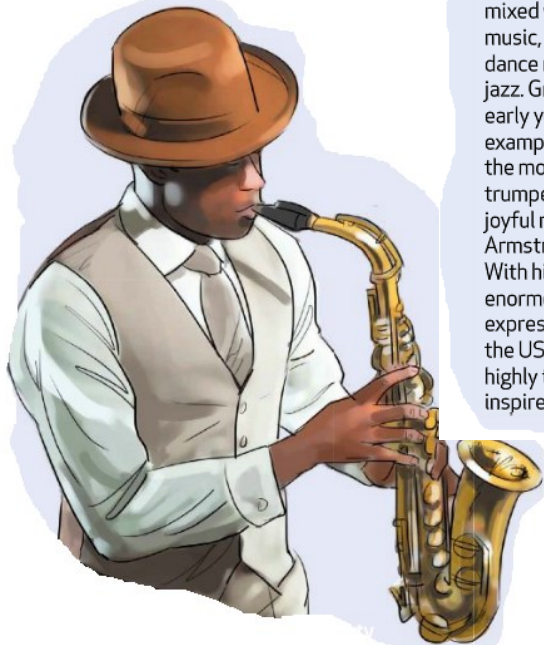
#### 1. Heavy Metal

Heavy metal or metal is a genre of rock music that developed in the late 1960s and early 1970s, largely in the UK and in the US. It originated from blues rock and psychedelic rock. The music is characterised by a thick and massive sound, highly-amplified distortion, long guitar solos and a loud and constant beat. Unfortunately, the lyrics are often associated with misogyny. Fashion and personal style are also important for metal bands: long, dyed hair, make-up, flashy clothing, accessories... Some bands from the early days – Metallica, Aerosmith, Judas Priest – are still famous in Europe. There are famous new bands too: Children Of Bodom, In Flame...



#### 2. Rap or rapping

Rap belongs to hip hop culture and appeared in American black ghettos in the 1970's. It was influenced by other musical genres such as reggae, blues, jazz... and became more and more popular in the middle of the 1980's. It is said that the word Rap means "Rhythm And Poetry." But "to rap" also means "to chat", "to speak". Rappers must develop vocal presence, enunciation\* and breath control. Vocal presence is the distinctive feature of a rapper's voice. Some rappers exaggerate enunciation for comic or artistic effect. Rappers' messages are about materialism, violence and urban life. Two famous American rappers are P-Diddy and Jay-Z.



#### 3. All that Jazz

Jazz was born in New Orleans in the early 1900's. Marching band music, mixed with other forms of European music, African music, classical and dance music, was at the origin of jazz. Great jazz musicians of the early years are still known today. One example is Louis Armstrong: he was the most remarkable and creative trumpet player of his time. He played joyful melodies with nice rhythms. Armstrong said: "What we play is life." With him, jazz became an art form with enormous possibilities for individual expression. Jazz is celebrated all over the US and Europe. It is played by highly talented performers and has inspired many music genres.

#### 4. Reggae and Marley

Reggae developed in Jamaica in the late 1960's. It was strongly influenced by traditional American jazz and old-time rhythm and blues. Reggae lyrics are about social criticism (the effects of poverty), more personal subjects (love and socialising...), black consciousness, anti-colonialism and anti-capitalism. Bob Marley, the revered performer of reggae music, helped spread both Jamaican music and the Rastafari movement\* to a worldwide audience. He and group, The Wailers, performed a great number of hits. At Bob Marley's funeral, Ed-Seager said, "(...) Bob Marley is part of lective consciousness of the nation"

\*The Rastafari movement is a spiritual movement born in the 1930's in Jamaica; its members are known as Rastafarians or Rastas.

