

## Course Content - Pop

### About Pop Music

- Pop is a musical genre that grew out of Rock 'n' Roll of the 1950s and 1960s
- It was a softer, mellower version of Rock 'n' Roll
- Pop music generally follows a 'Formula'. It has a steady rhythm or beat, a catchy melody, lyric pattern (Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus), and it tells a simple story
- Pop music is short for Popular music
- Pop music also often uses the most current technology to have new and interesting sounds
- A 'hook' is the catchy part of a song that sticks in your head. Most pop songs have a strong, fun hook
- You can find songs that are on the top of the charts in Billboard Magazine or on the Billboard Top 100

### Styles of Pop Music

- Pop music is influenced by many styles of music. In fact, almost *all* styles of music find their way into pop music songs
- Because of all these influences, Pop music has many different types of styles
- Some styles highlighted are: **Alternative Pop** – Billie Eilish; **Soft Rock Pop** – Ed Sheeran; **Latin Pop** – Camila Cabello; **Hip-Hop Pop** – Lil Nas X; **New Wave Pop** – Blondie; **Progressive Pop** – Queen; **Country Pop** – Florida Georgia Line & Bebe Rexha; **Funk Pop** – Prince; **K-Pop** - Twice
- K-pop comes from South Korea
- A cross-over hit is a song that is successful in two genres, or types, of music
- Bubblegum pop is a type of pop music that began in the 1950s. It has a fun, dancing beat that is specifically meant to appeal to young people
- Highlighted Bubblegum Pop artists: The Archies, Britney Spears, \*NSYNC and Meghan Trainor

### Music in Life Lesson:

The Music in Life lesson is a moment to engage in active listening. The Music in Life lesson song for this course is "River of Dreams" by Billy Joel. Students are invited to think about how the music makes them feel, think and move. Music is an individual experience; active listening encourages students to choose their own musical path.

### Highlighted Classic Pop Songs and Artists

Stevie Wonder – *Superstitious*; Elvis – *All Shook Up*; The Supremes – *Stop! In the Name of Love*; Chubby Checker – *The Twist*; Elton John – *Crocodile Rock*; Madonna – *Lucky Star*; Michael Jackson – *Beat it*; Mariah Carey – *Always be my Baby*

### Highlighted Songs and Artists of the Present

Harry Styles – *Adore you*; Ariana Grande & Stevie Wonder – *Faith*; The Weeknd – *Blinding Lights*; Dua Lipa – *Break my Heart*; Taylor Swift & Brendon Urie – *Me*; Beyoncé – *Irreplaceable*; Ricky Martin – *Pégate*; BTS – *Dynamite*; Halsey – *Be Kind*; Jonas Brothers - *Sucker*