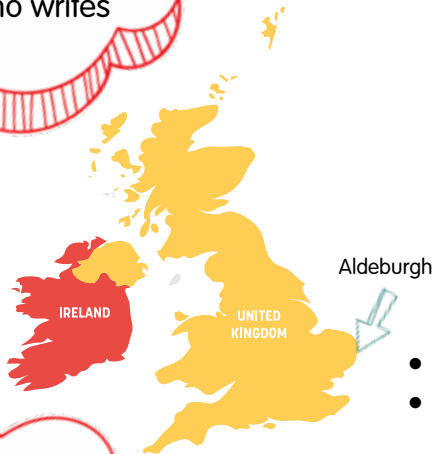


Name:

Class:

'Dawn' from *Sea Interludes* by Benjamin Britten

Composer = a person who writes music



Aldeburgh



Benjamin Britten 1913-1976
Composer and pianist

Benjamin Britten

- Famous English *composer*
- Born in 1913 (a few months before the start of World War 1)
- Lived by the sea in Aldeburgh, Suffolk
- Loved the sea

Genre = classical

Beat = a continuous steady pulse

Sailor, sailor on the sea ...
What treasures have you brought for me?



What treasure would you bring?



Dawn = the first light in the morning

Timbre = the type of sound

The UK is surrounded by sea - Perhaps you know some other sea inspired songs and music?



Flutes and violins play a high melody like birds flying.



Harp, violas and clarinets play shimmering, rising notes like ocean spray.

The rest of the orchestra play lots of notes together (chords) surging like ocean waves.

flute



violin



viola



harp



clarinet



orchestra



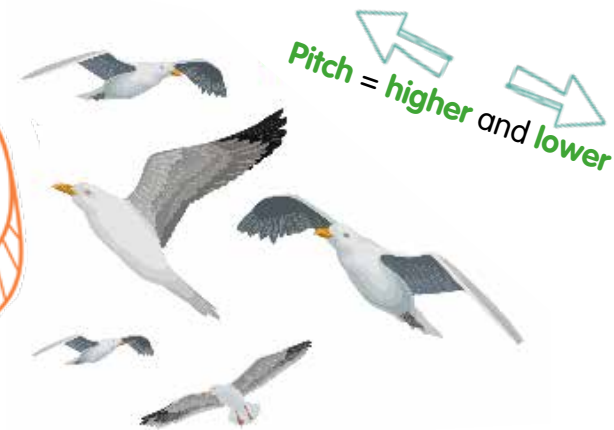
An active listener thinks and responds with movements and ideas
















Structure = how music is organised

This piece of music has 3 themes - a *theme* is a musical idea

Notice how seabird and ocean spray music overlap at the end.



'Dawn' listening map

0.06 Sea birds  Played in violins and flutes	0.38 Ocean spray  Harp, clarinet	0.47 Ocean wave  Brass	1.04 Sea bird 	1.37 Ocean spray 	1.50 Ocean wave 
2.18 Sea birds 	2.23 Sea birds  	2.39 Sea birds 	2.51 Sea birds  	3.01 Ocean wave 	3.17 fade out



Idea 1:
sea birds

Idea 2:
ocean spray

Idea 3:
ocean wave

How confident do you feel responding to musical themes and signals with appropriate movement?



Comments:



A long, long time ago

People used traditional songs like *Down by the bay* to tell stories of their adventures at sea.



A long time ago

Benjamin Britten wrote 4 *Sea Interludes: Dawn, Sunday Morning, Moonlight, Storm*. They were first performed in 1945.



21st Century - present

The sea continues to inspire composers all over the world, such as Hans Zimmer's music for *Pirates of the Caribbean*.