



## KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: WORLD MUSIC 3



### Classic Indian Style

\*There are lots of different styles of music played in India: pop, folk, rock, classical, film and more

\*Indian classical music has been passed down from generation to generation for more than 3000 years. Although the music varies between the North and South of India, music shares three common ideas: Raga, Tala and Drone

\***Raga** is the pattern of notes and is the tune. A **sitar** might play the melody. A sitar is a plucked string instrument



\***Tala** is the rhythm and is usually played on the **tabla**. Sounds are produced by playing with fingers and the palm of your hand. Sounds can be described in words—Ta, Ghe, Gha, Tin, Dha and Te. Rhythms are not written down but memorised

\*A constant, held, sustained note which harmonises with the Raga is called the **drone**. An instrument called a **tambura** might play the drone. This is another string instrument



\*Musicians learn how to play by imitating and memorising the music from their teachers. This is called *Oral Tradition*

### Bhangra

\*Bhangra started as a folk dance to celebrate the coming of the harvest

\*It is now performed throughout the year, throughout the world for many weddings, parties and special occasions



\*Dancers wear bright, colourful and baggy clothes, the men wear turbans and the women wear beautiful jewellery

\*People dance and sing to the sound of the **dohl** drum. The drum is worn around the body and can be really big. Both ends of the drum are played with two sticks. One is called the *daga* and plays the bass beat and the *tilli* plays the treble

\*Bhangra music fuses pop music, film music and folk music. Listen to : **Punjabi MC Knight Rider**



\*Bhangra is happy and makes you smile!

### Bollywood

\*This is the name of the Indian film industry based in Mumbai

\*Bollywood films are like musicals. Song and dance numbers play an important part in the script

\*Stories include lovers and villains, family and kidnapping. They are very melodramatic (over the top!)

\*India produces the largest amount of films each year in the world and is worth billions. Hollywood however makes more money each year

Bass	Sounds in the lower frequency—low pitch
Treble	Sounds in the higher
Musical	A play or a film in which singing and dancing have an essential part in telling the story

### Ravi Shankar

\*Ravi Shankar was a composer and musician of Indian classical music



\*He was best known for playing the sitar. He toured America and Europe in the 50s and played at Woodstock (see Musical Genre 5). He introduced the world to the sitar and this influenced many musicians. \***George Harrison** from **The Beatles** (see Key Composer 7), was so impressed with the sitar, he learnt to play one and used it in his song *Norwegian Wood*

\*Anoushka Shankar, Ravi's daughter, is also a world famous sitar player. Anoushka lives in London. She has been nominated for many Grammy awards. She performed at a tribute concert for George Harrison one year after his death