Women Composers

A Short Introduction to Women Composers

Watch the video shown by your teacher. Use the space below to write down the things you find interesting from the video.		

Challenging gender roles

This is a quick drawing task! Look at the jobs listed below and then do a quick drawing of the person doing that job.

Fire Fighter	Surgeon (Doctor)	Fighter Pilot

Short 5-minute task: discussion

Question: 'Why do you think there have been fewer famous women composers than men throughout history?'				
Write your thoughts below:				

Medium 20-minute task: Listen and Draw

Listen to the music and answer the questions below in the space provided.

- What do you see in your mind when you hear the music?
- What colours match the music?
- Where does the music feel like it comes from (e.g. continent, country)
- Is it calm or busy?

Composer	Thoughts to questions above
Ortiz	
Shigihara	
Makeba	
Raine	
León	

Longer 45-minute task: composition

The objective of this task is for pupils to work in small groups to create their own composition inspired by a woman composer.

1. Warm Up (5 minutes)

a. Warm your voices up as a class

2. Group Task (30 minutes)

- a. In groups:
 - i. Choose a mood for your composition
 - ii. Choose 3-4 instruments or sound sources (e.g. singing, body percussion and any classroom instruments you might have available)
 - iii. Compose a 30-second piece inspired by the composers you listened to for the short task
 - iv. Use the space below to write a graphic score of your composition

3. Performance (10 minutes)

- a. Perform your composition to the rest of the class
- b. As you listen, consider giving other groups feedback using:

WWW - What Went Well

EBI - Even Better If