Lesson 1 – Country Roads

Year 4 Lesson 1 Summer 2: History of Country Music

Knowledge Objective	Task	Lesson Detail	Vocabulary
To know where country music originated. To know that Jimmie Rodgers and The Carter Family are often known as the first country artists. To know some instruments that are played in country music	Task: Success Criteria: I can name two original country musicians I can name the place country music originated I can explain some features of country music.	**Begin lesson listening to:** Dolly Parton: 9-5 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4OzdyxbOuU Have you heard this song before? What genre of music do you think this is? What instruments can you hear? Can you explain the tempo? What country do you think this music is from? Do you like this song? Why? **Prior Learning**: What do you already know about country music? **Teach:** Country music, also known as country and western (or simply country), and hillbilly music, is a genre of popular music that originated in the Southern United States in the early 1920s. It takes its roots from genres such as American folk music and blues. Country music often consists of ballads and dance tunes with generally simple forms, folk lyrics, and harmonies mostly accompanied by string instruments such as banjos, electric and acoustic guitars, steel guitars and fiddles as well as harmonicas. Jimmie Rodgers and the Carter Family are widely considered to be important early country musicians. See powerpoint for more information on Jimmie Rodgers and a link to music. **Talk Task:** *Can you yodel like Jimmie Rodgers?* **Teach:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjHjm5sRqSA – Can the circle be unbroken The Carter Family are an American country group that recorded music between 1927 and 1956. They were the first vocal group to become country music stars, and were among the first groups to record commercially produced country music in recorded history. **Task:** Where did country music originate? What instruments feature in country music? What were the names of the first country musicians? Use knowledge organisers to draw and label 4 country instruments. **Plenary:** Can you name at least 4 country instruments and 2 artists?	Nashville Country Folk Music Western Ballad **Relevant Musicians** Jimmie Rodgers The Carter Family **Musical Elements**

Suggested Resources:

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Let's Listen



Dolly Parton – 9 to 5

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4OzdyxbOuU

Have you heard this song before?

What genre of music do you think this is?

What instruments can you hear?

What country do you think this is from?

What is the tempo?

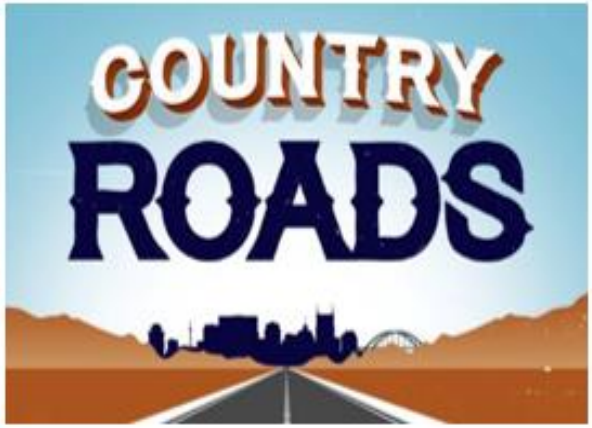
Do you like this song? Why?

Our Knowledge Organiser

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Guitar
Fiddle
Harmonica
Dobro
Tambourine
Double Bass





Take me home, Country Roads
John Denver

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads

Country Through the Years



Jimmie Rodgers
1920s



The Carter Family
1930-1950



John Denver
1960s



Dolly Parton
1970s



Taylor Swift
2006



Darius Rucker
2008



Zac Brown Band
2010

Prior Learning

What do you know about country music?



Key Vocabulary

Nashville
Country
Folk Music
Western
Ballad
Jimmie Rodgers
The Carter Family



L.O: To explore where and when country music originated,

Success Criteria:

I can name two original country musicians
I can name the place country music originated
I can explain some features of country music.

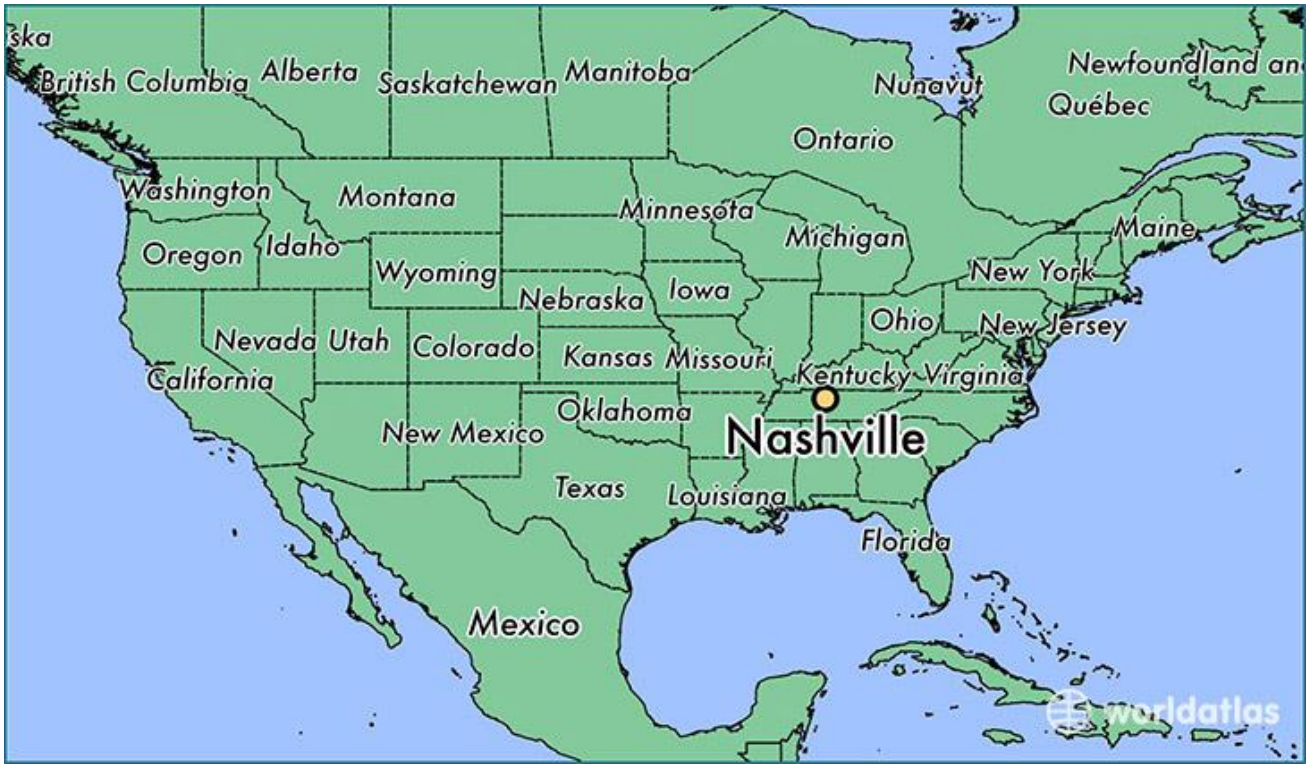
Here are today's key words:

Nashville
Country
Folk Music
Western



Teach

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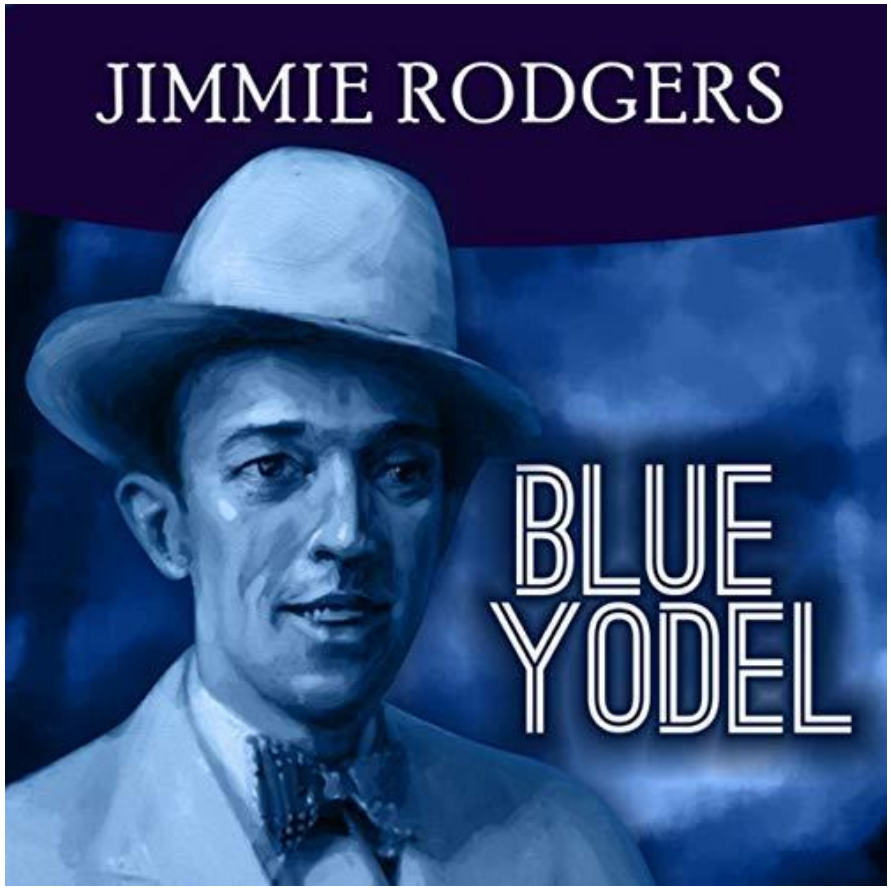
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEIBmGZxAhg – Blue Yodel number 1: T is for Texas

Jimmie Rodgers (1897-1933) is a country singer who rose to fame in the late 1920s. He is often known as 'the Father of Country Music' and is best known for his distinctive rhythmic yodelling. Unlike most musicians of his time, Rodger's rose to fame from his country music recordings rather than live performances.



Talk Task

Can you yodel like Jimmie Rodgers?



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The Carter Family

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Task

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Use knowledge organisers to draw and label 4 country instruments.



And finally…

Can you name these country artists?



