

# KS2 Instrumental lessons: North America

## Vocabulary

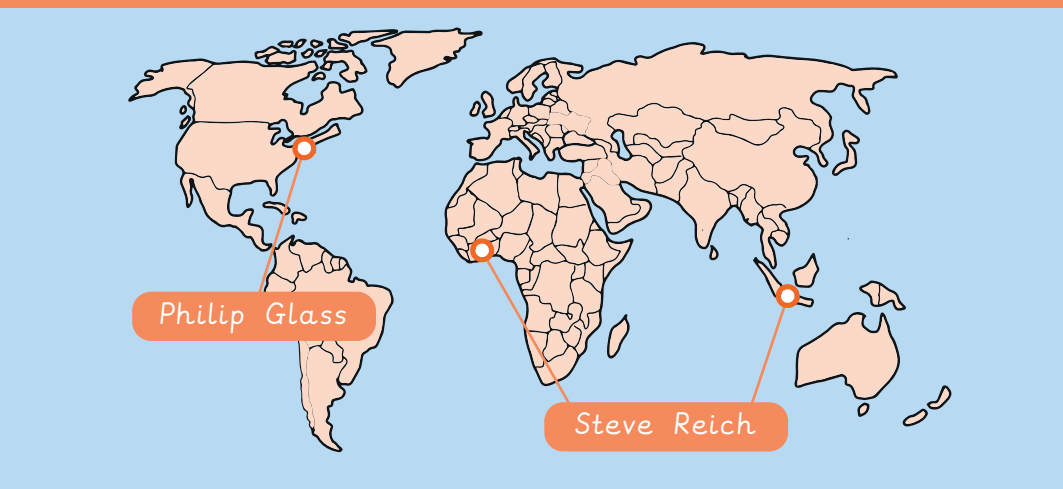
Melody	Tune.
Harmony	Two notes that sound at the same time, and usually sound nice played together.
Ostinato	A repeated pattern in music, can be a melody or rhythm.
Layered textures	Tunes or sounds layered on top of each other.
Interlocking phrase	A musical phrase or pattern that overlaps.
Electronic dance music (EDM)	Music that is produced electronically, often used in nightclubs, and was invented in the mid-1980s.
Synthesiser	An electronic instrument that usually has a keyboard.

## Key facts

'In C' by Terry Riley was the first ever minimalist piece, written in 1964. It was composed for 35 players and could be played on any instruments.



Philip Glass is a minimalist composer who has written lots of film music such as music for the 2015 superhero film 'Fantastic Four'.



Steve Reich is another minimalist composer who spent time studying West African drumming and gamelan music, so these styles influenced his compositions.

Electronic dance music is influenced by minimalist music, containing features like repetition, layering and interlocking phrases.

### Features of minimalist music

#### Repetition

#### Layered textures

#### Interlocking phrases and rhythms

#### Simple harmony