

Year 3/4
Spring 1

Moor First Music

Knowledge Organiser

Florence Price- Symphony No.1 in E minor



WHAT SHOULD I ALREADY KNOW?

- *I know about notation, the link between sound and symbol.
- *I can identify the structure/parts of a song.
- *I know some of the dimensions of music.
- * I know some instruments that would be in an orchestra.

What will I learn?

The composer: Florence PRICE (1887–1953)

- African-American composer
- First black woman to have a composition played by a major American orchestra
- Wrote four symphonies (and many songs and chamber music)

The music: Symphony No. 1 in E minor (3rd mvt)

- Her first large-scale orchestral work
- Written in 1931-32 and premiered by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1933
- Third movement is called 'Juba Dance'
- Also known as the 'hambone', or 'pattin' juba', this dance was performed by slaves and featured music provided by their own body percussion
- The juba dance is the forerunner to tap dancing.





| <u>VOCABULARY</u> | |
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| • Coda | a fancy, show-off ending |
| Ostinato | a repeating (often rhythmic) pattern |
| • Pitched percussion | percussion instruments that can play different pitches – xylophones, glockenspiels, chime bars, etc. |
| • Pulse | the steady 'beat' under much music made up of notes of the same length (like a ticking clock) |
| • Rondo | (or Rondeau) a music shape with a recurring theme. The theme is alternated with contrasting 'episodes' |
| •Unpitched percussion | percussion instruments that can only make a limited number of sounds – drums, shakers, woodblocks, tambourines, etc. |