

Balafon



Rosewood Gratitude

Year 5 Music Summer 1 Knowledge Organiser



The instrument is called a **balafon** and like the kora (a stringed instrument), the balafon is traditionally played by **griot** families.



Play	Sing
C-C-C	do-do-do
D-D-D	re-re-re
E-E-E	mi-mi-mi
F-F-F	fa-fa-fa
G-G-G	so-so-so
A-A-A	la-la-la
B-B-B	ti-ti-ti
C-C-C	do'-do'-do'

C Major scale

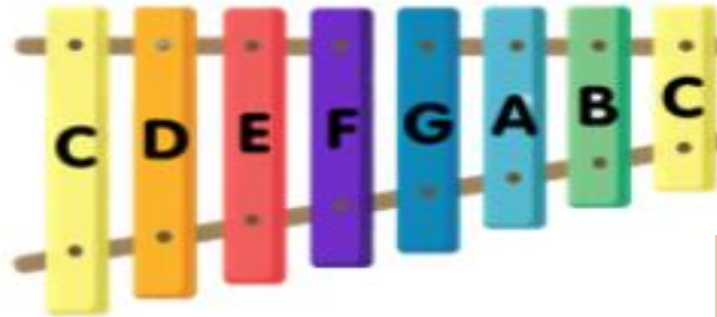
	4 semiquavers	1 beat, 1/4 beat each
	2 quavers	1 beat, 1/2 beat each
	crotchet	1 beat
	4/4 time signature	4 crotchet beats in each bar

Patterns

Pattern 1



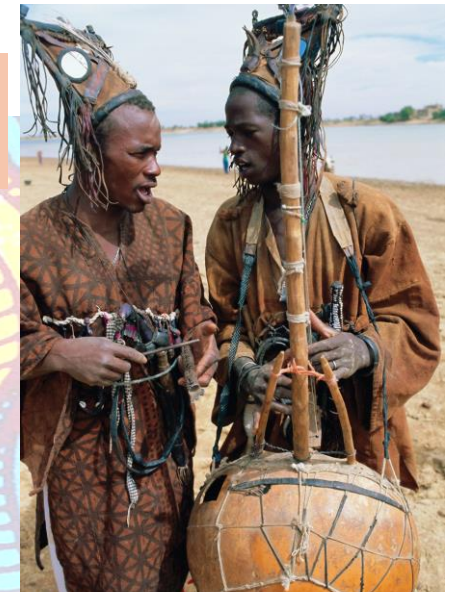
The **balafon** is a gourd resonated xylophone that is played with wood and rubber mallets.



Kora: 21 stringed instrument



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Griot: storyteller