



Building Blocks of Music

Form

Q&A Discussion Guide

QUESTIONS

1. What is form in music?
2. Name some common parts of a modern popular song.
3. True or False: The intro happens at the end of a song.
4. Which part of a song usually tells the story?
5. Explain the bridge of a song.
6. What song did we use to learn ternary form (ABA)?
7. Explain the ABA sections of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."
8. Explain rondo form.

ANSWERS & TEACHER GUIDE

1. Form is the way music is organized.
2. Intro, verse, chorus, bridge, and outro. Allow multiple students to answer.
3. False. The intro comes at the beginning.
4. The verse.
5. The bridge is the "surprise" section. It sounds different from the other sections and gives the song a twist.
6. "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."
7. A — "Twinkle, twinkle, little star / How I wonder what you are"
B — "Up above the world so high / Like a diamond in the sky"
A — The opening section returns.
8. In rondo form, the main musical idea (A) keeps returning between different sections. Example: ABACA.

TEACHER NOTE

Use familiar songs to help students identify form. Have them listen for sections that repeat and sections that sound different. Students can also create simple forms using clapping, movement, or classroom instruments.

