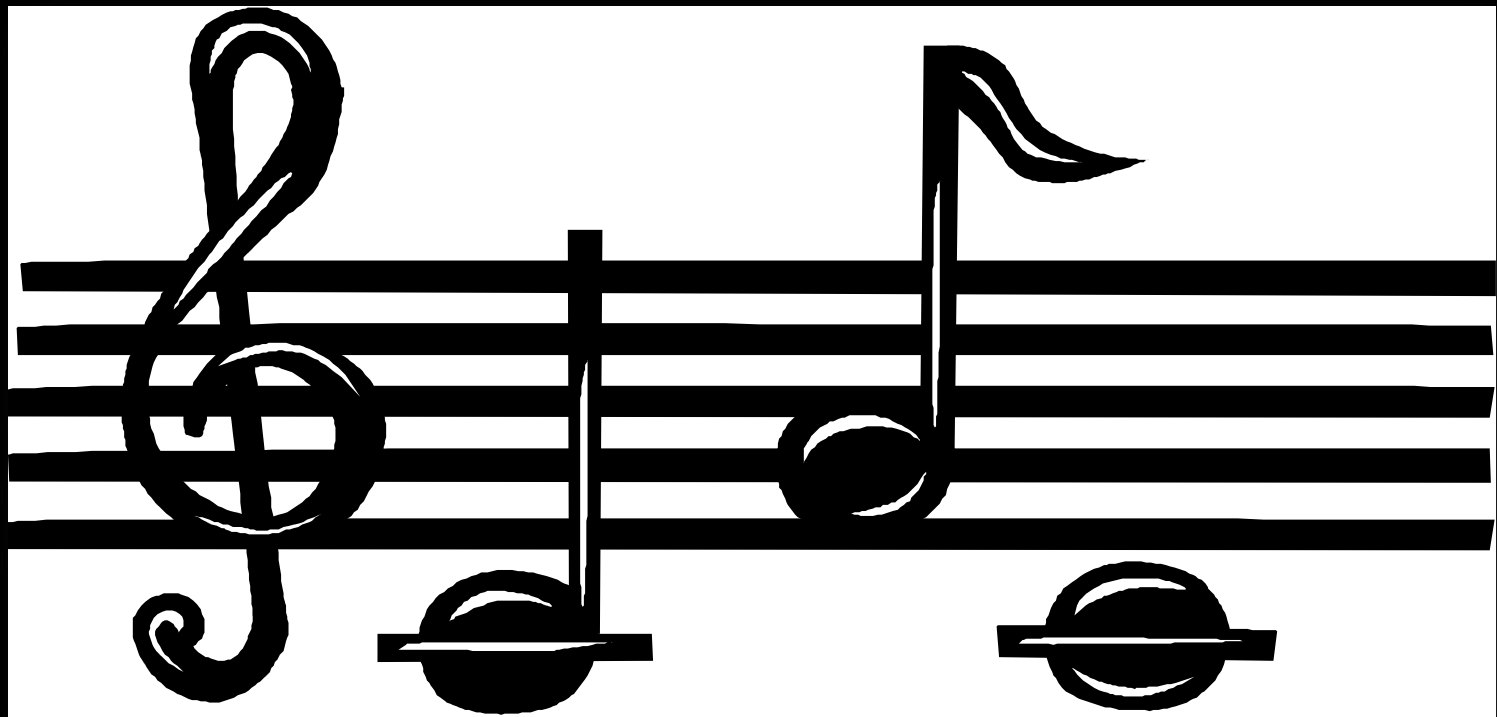
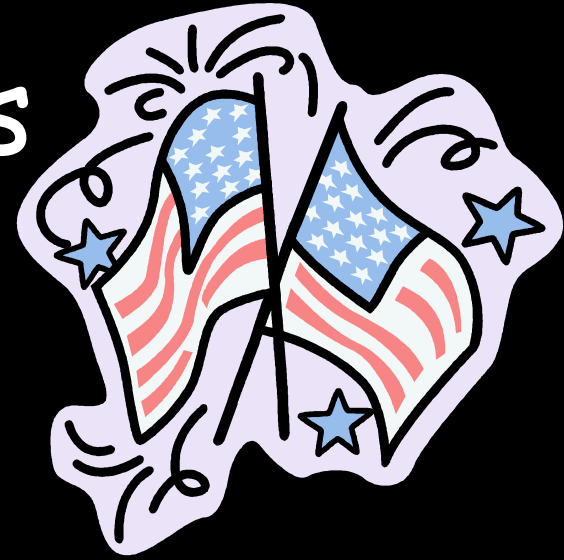


Music in the Antebellum Period



Types of Songs



- Many people during this time expressed their love for America through patriotic songs.
- When someone is patriotic it means that he or she loves his or her country.

Patriotic Songs You May Have Heard

- [The Star Spangled Banner](#)
 - [Yankee Doodle](#)
 - [Hurrah! Hurrah!](#)
 - [Hail to the Chief!](#)
- [My Country 'tis of Thee](#)



Why did they listen to and sing to this music?



- Composers and song writers were trying to express how they felt about wars and battles
- Some of the songs were used to tell stories about what happened in battles
- Some songs were used for celebration
- Mostly, the songs were written to remind people of the soldiers that were fighting for our country and our freedom

Instruments of the Period



Snare drums



Cymbals

Drums

- Drums were a major part of military bands at this time
- There was usually a bass drum and a snare drum
- The snare drums were made out of an animals head and rawhide and had a wooden shell



Cymbals

- Cymbals were much smaller than they are today
- Most of the cymbals had wooden or leather handles so that they were easy to hold

Let's think!

- How is music now different from what music was like then?
- Do we have more instruments to play music compared to what they had back then?
- What do singers sing about in their songs now compared to what they used to sing about then?
- What does our music have in common with music in the past?

Other types of Music

- We have talked mostly about patriotic music
- Research on your own or with a partner to find other types of music from the period
- Who wrote the songs?
- What were the songs about?
- Did the songs send special messages or tell stories?
- What types of instruments were used to play the music in the songs?