#### Music

What are the roles of different percussion instruments, and how can we best describe their sounds?

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## Percussion instruments in West Africa

Are the following instruments tuned or untuned? Why?

## Djembe



## Sabar



## Gankogui





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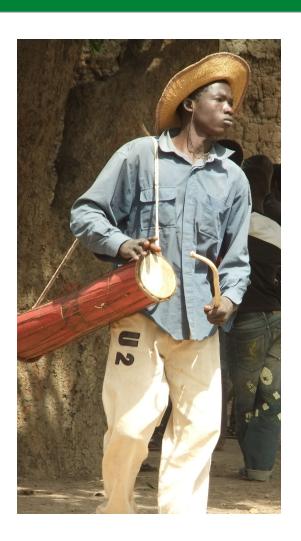
#### **Axatse**

## Balafon

#### **Tama**









# Non-percussion instruments in West Africa Are the following instruments tuned or untuned? Why?

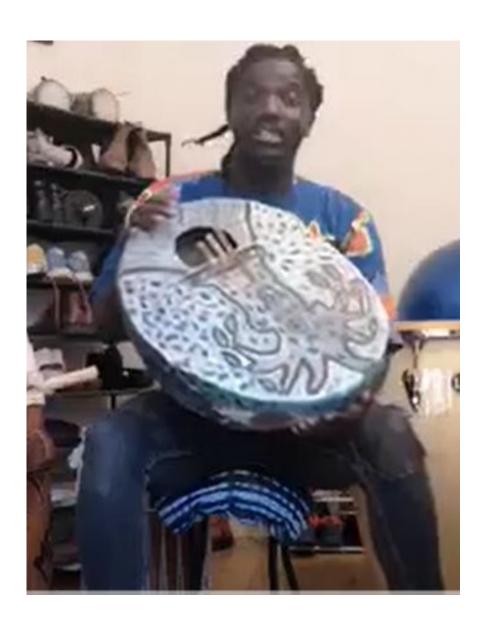
#### Kora



## Ngoni



## Senegalese bongo





#### Role of instruments

Instruments can have different roles and functions in an ensemble.

#### Melodic

Provides the melody for the music

Tuned / pitched instruments

Usually high pitch

Can play an improvised melody

#### Harmonic

Accompanies the melody

Usually chords

Tuned / pitched instruments

## Rhythmic

Adds rhythmic interest

Untuned instruments

Establishes the tempo

Keeps players in time





## Resume once you're finished

## Role of instruments

Harmonic Melodic

Rhythmic

Balafon

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Do the same exercise with the instruments in a typical standard rock band or orchestra

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