

Film Music

Choose one of the pieces of film music below and listen to it:

1. Star Wars Theme
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0ZQPqeJkk&t=4s>)
2. Jurassic Park Theme
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHalXjs0cDA>)
3. Inception Theme
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2SXKI3m14s>)
4. Harry Potter Theme
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Htaj3o3JD8I>)



Answer the following questions:

- 1) Is the music fast or slow (tempo)?
- 2) Is the music mostly loud or quiet (dynamics)?
- 3) What does the music make you think of?
- 4) What instruments can you hear?

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Imagine you are a film composer (someone who writes music for a film). You are going to plan your own piece of film music.

First, you are going to decide what kind of scene your music will be written for. Ideas could include a car chase, a fight scene, or a scary scene.

My scene is:

Next, you are going to decide what tempo your music will be (whether your music will be fast or slow):

The tempo (speed) of my music will be:

Will your music use low pitched notes or high pitched notes?

My music will use:

What kind of instruments will your piece of music use?

Key words

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Match up the words we have learnt with their definitions.

Pitch

How high or low a note is.

Someone who writes a piece of music.

Dynamics

How loud or quiet a piece of music is.

Theme

How fast or slow a piece of music is.

Tempo

The main piece of music that appears in a film, often at the beginning and the end.

Composer