



KS3 Music: Year 8:

Soundtracks

Key Words

Main Theme or Soundtrack = the title piece of music that sets the scene and recurs throughout the film

Drone = a long note, usually in the bass, which adds harmonic interest

Leitmotif = a short melodic motif that represents a character, idea or object

Semitone = the smallest distance between 2 notes for example C - C#

Sharp = raises a note by 1 semitone Flat = lowers a note by 1 semitone

Melody = the tune

Diegetic Music = music that the characters in the film are hearing for example a piano playing in a restaurant

Non-Diegetic Music = music that the characters in the film are not hearing for example a triumphant melody that sets the mood

Sound Effects = music that accompanies actions of the characters in the film to add to the mood and sense of reality

Key Skills

Be able to perform a spy film theme

Be able to compose, notate and perform a soundtrack to accompany a silent movie

Key Questions

What is a main theme? What is the purpose of a main theme?

What is a drone?

What is a leitmotif?

What is a semitone?

What is a sharp?

What is a flat?

What is a melody?

What is diegetic music?

What is non-diegetic music?

What are sound effects?

