



KS3 Music: Year 8 Term 1: Half Term 2: Film Music

Key Words

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

Soundtrack = the title song that sets the scene and recurs throughout the film

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

Ostinato = a repeated pattern

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

Ternary Form = an ABA structure

Strophic Song Form = a structure with a combination of verses, choruses, a bridge or middle 8, introduction and coda

Key Skills

Be able to compose, notate and perform a spy film theme

Key Questions

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

What is a soundtrack? What is the purpose of a soundtrack?

What is a drone?

What is a leitmotif?

What is a semitone?

What is a sharp?

What is a flat?

What is ternary form?

What is strophic song form?

