

Year 8 Spring 1 Film Music

Feel Good Factor

Major key
Catchy & upbeat
Large leaps in melody
Dominated by Brass & Percussion
Ascending shape of the melody creating aspiration



Sadness / Reflection

Often minor key
Smooth, stepwise, slow descending melodic shape to reflect emotion
Dominated by strings
Sustained chords
Oscillating accompaniment



Tension

Dramatic changes of dynamics
Large leaps in melody
Dominated by brass & percussion
Note clusters, chromatic notes

Key Vocabulary

Tempo pulse or speed of the music

Texture melody and accompaniment, polyphonic (many layers), sparse (few)

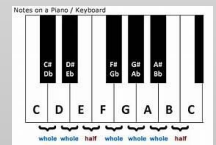
Brass trumpet, French horn, trombone

Strings violin, viola, cello, double bass

Woodwind flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon

Percussion timpani, cymbals, xylophone, tambourine, triangle

Pitch chromatic: every semitone, major, minor



Dynamics volume, loud, soft, crescendo (getting louder)

Performing – Film Theme Tune

Keyboard – More complex melodies, combining melody and accompaniment hands together
Select keyboard sound for more expressive effect
Perform on own instrument demonstrating expressive techniques (attention to dynamics, phrasing, articulation, slurs, bowing)