



Music Virtual Learning

# Concert Orchestra

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## Objective/Learning Target:

I can identify theme music and create a character theme.

# Warm-Up




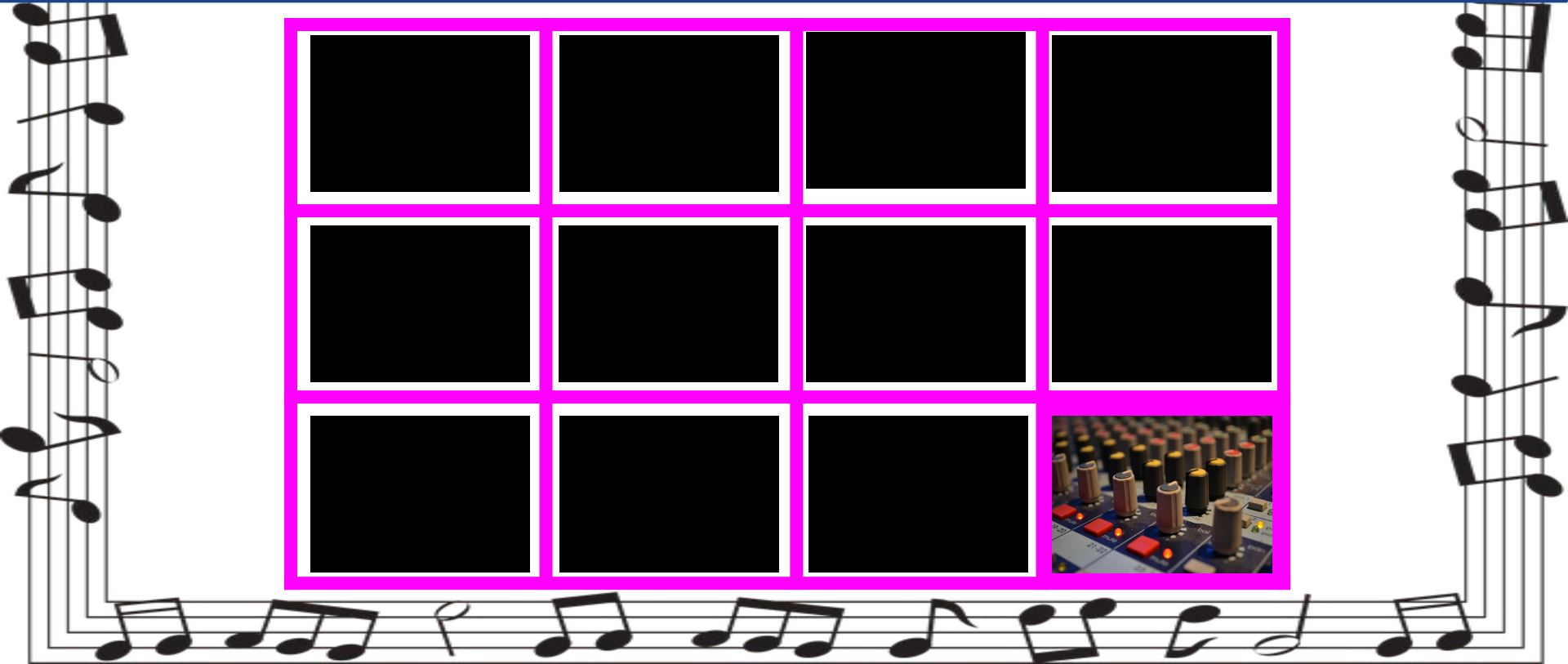
What is included in music

Find out on the next slide!



technology and composition?



# Lesson

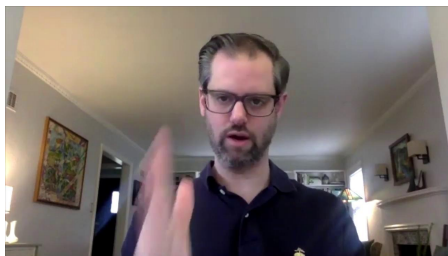


DO YOU REMEMBER JASON  
SEBER? HERE HE IS TO  
ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS!

CONDUCTOR INTERVIEW: IN WHICH WE DISCUSS  
CONDUCTING, ORCHESTRA, FILM MUSIC... AND  
OUR PETS. ENJOY!!



PART 1



PART 2



PART 3

## MUSIC IN FILM

MUSIC MATTERS WHEN IT COMES TO MOVIES!

WHAT YOU LISTEN TO AFFECTS HOW YOU INTERPRET THE PLOT, CHARACTERS AND EVENTS.

IN THIS LESSON, YOU WILL EXPLORE AND EXPERIMENT WITH WHAT ARE CALLED "CHARACTER THEMES".



## CHARACTER THEMES

A CHARACTER THEME IS A RECURRING MUSICAL IDEA THAT REPRESENTS A PERSON, PLACE, ACTION OR IDEA. THE THEMES ARE USUALLY A PATTERN OF NOTES THAT CREATE A SHORT MELODIC, HARMONIC OR RHYTHMIC IDEAS. CHARACTER THEMES ARE OFTEN WIDELY USED IN FILM MUSIC. COMPOSERS AND DIRECTORS OFTEN DISCUSS THE PLACEMENT OF SUCH THEMES AS THEY COULD POTENTIAL BECOME A 'MUSICAL SPOILER' IF THE AUDIENCE RECOGNIZES THE THEME BEFORE THE ACTION IS REVEALED.

## SOME FAMOUS EXAMPLES OF CHARACTER THEMES INCLUDE:

- HARRY POTTER THEME
- STAR WARS THEME (AND CHARACTERS FOR DARTH VADER, HAN AND LEIA, REY, ETC.)
- SPIDERMAN THEME
- INDIANA JONES THEME
- PINK PANTHER THEME
- JAWS THEME

Adventurous

Nervous

Witty

Funny

Shy

Sarcastic

Wise

Obnoxious

Mischievous

CREATE YOUR OWN CHARACTER!

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU WANT TO DESCRIBE YOUR CHARACTER?  
(CHOOSE AT LEAST 5 - OR COME UP WITH YOUR OWN!)

Clever

Opinionated

Caring

Romantic

Brave

Imaginative

Impulsive

Cheerful

Smart

## NOW LET'S COMPOSE YOUR CHARACTER THEME!

- CHOOSE 1 SCALE/KEY (PLAY THE SCALE SO YOU KNOW WHICH SHARPS OR FLATS TO INCLUDE)
- PLAY NOTES FROM YOUR SCALE IN ANY COMBINATION/ORDER. EXPERIMENT TO SEE WHAT SOUNDS BEST TO YOU!
- AIM FOR THE ORDER OF YOUR NOTES TO BE BETWEEN 10-15 NOTES LONG.

WRITE OUT THE ORDER OF YOUR THEME!

YOU CAN USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FREE WEBSITES/SOFTWARE TO COMPOSE YOUR THEME:

- [NOTEFLIGHT](#)
- [MUESCORE](#)
- OR DOWNLOAD/PRINT MUSIC STAFF PAPER (EX: [BLANK SHEET MUSIC](#))

LET'S ADD THE FINISHING TOUCHES!

- WHAT IS THE RHYTHM AND TIME SIGNATURE OF YOUR THEME?
- WHAT BOWINGS, ARTICULATION, TECHNIQUES, ETC. WILL ADD TO THE STYLE OF YOUR THEME?
  - (REMEMBER: THIS THEME SHOULD REFLECT YOUR CHOSEN CHARACTER!)

# Review



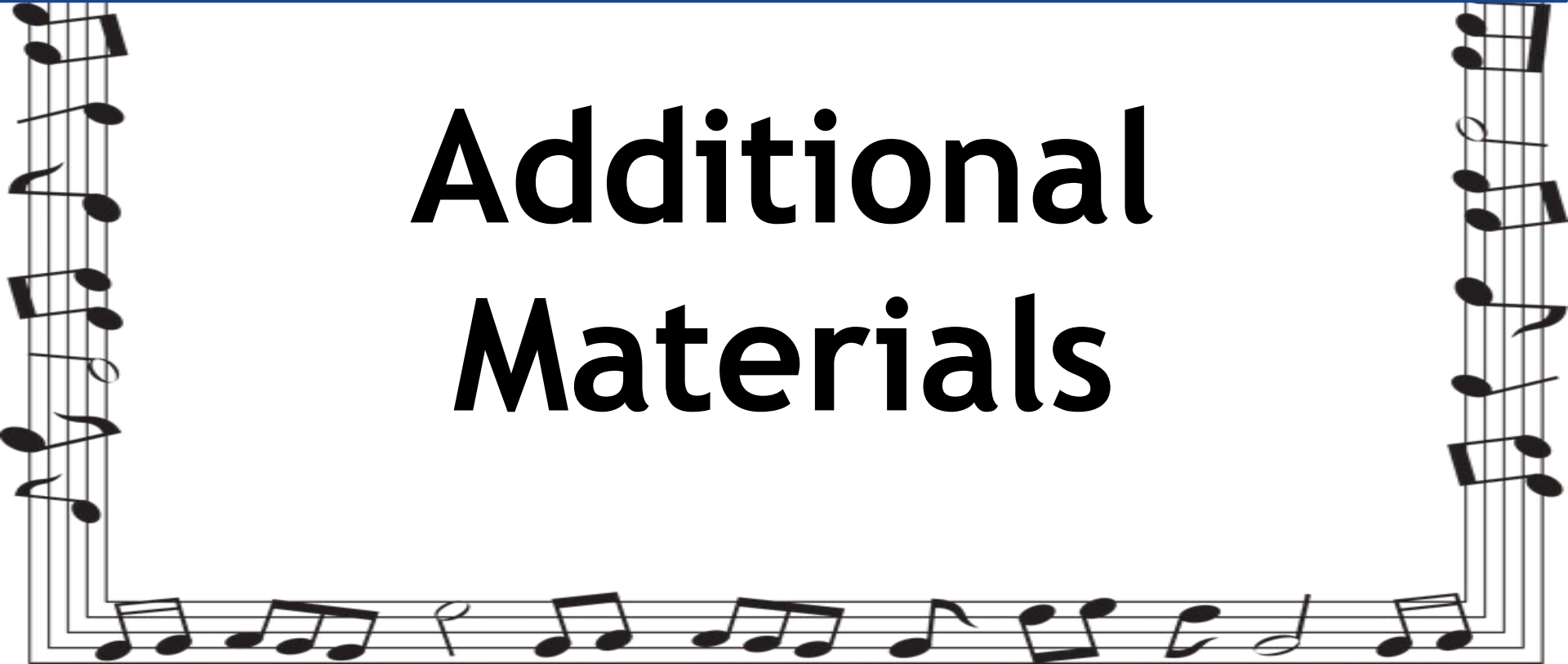
WATCH ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE MOVIES AND/OR PLAY YOUR FAVORITE VIDEO GAME!

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE CHARACTER THEMES?

CAN YOU PLAY ANY OF THE THEME MUSIC??



# Additional Materials

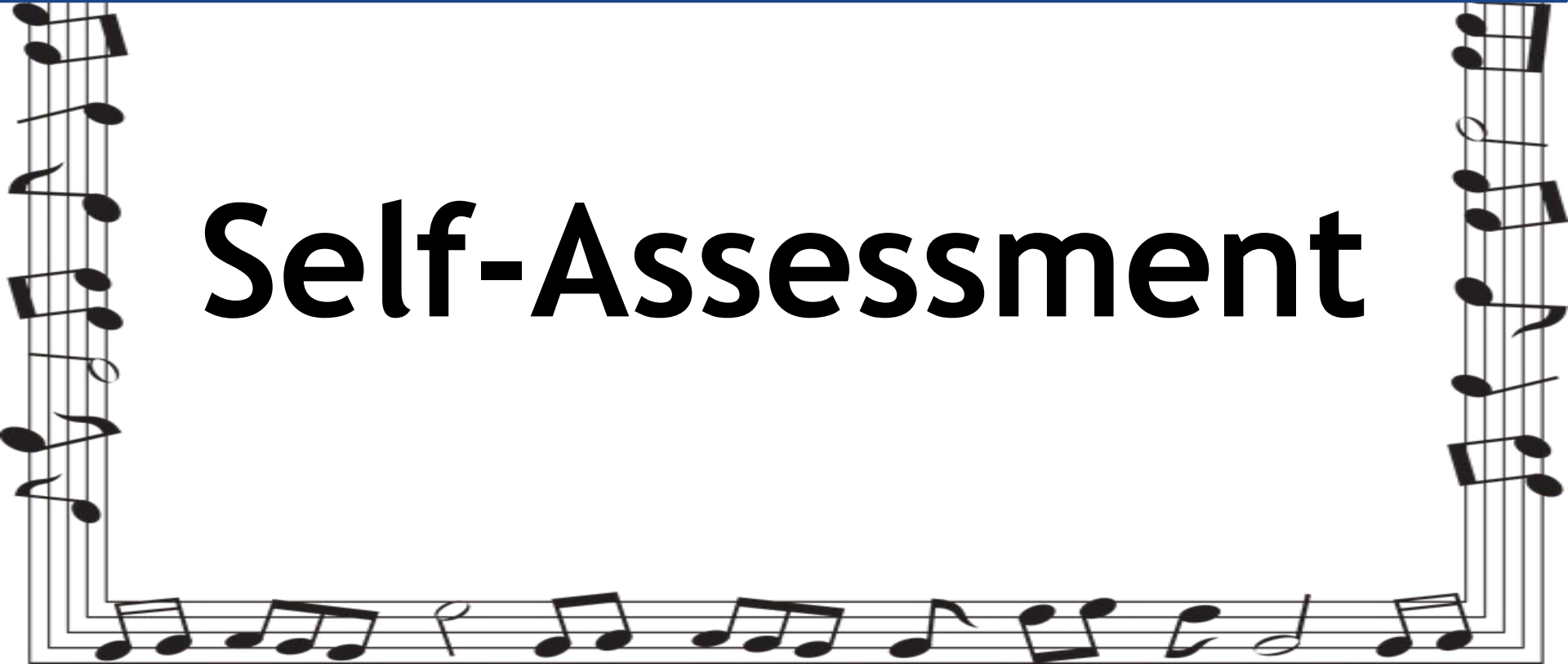


CHECK OUT SOME FUN CHARACTER THEMES ON YOUTUBE! THESE YOUTUBERS PLAY CHARACTER THEMES FROM MOVIES. :)

[MARIJKE VIOLIN](#) - THIS YOUTUBER PLAYS CHARACTER THEMES FOR COSPLAY CHARACTERS!

[TWOSETVIOLIN](#) - THEY HAVE SOME VIDEOS WHERE THEY PLAY "CHARADES" FOR DIFFERENT CHARACTERS!

# Self-Assessment



## PERFORM YOUR CHARACTER THEME!

CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

- PLAY FOR A FAMILY MEMBER AND/OR PET
- PLAY FOR A FRIEND OVER FACETIME/VIDEO CHAT
- SEND YOUR RECORDING TO YOUR ORCHESTRA TEACHER!!! :)

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