Time for Music – 4 : Y5 & 6

Listen Up!

Christopher Eccleston introduces

'Ride of the Valkyries'
by Richard Wagner
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p034s31d

Watch the full performance of Wagner's
'Ride of the Valkyries'
by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03bvjx7

Explore

What is a LEITMOTIF?

60 second guide to the leitmotif
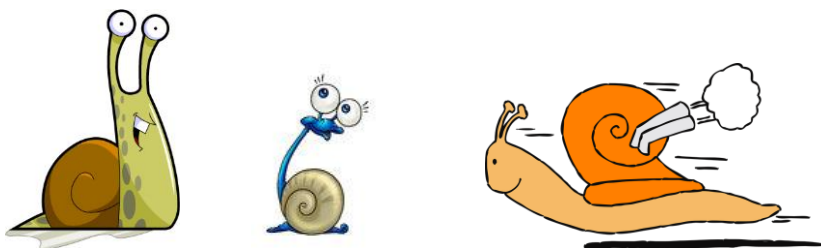**From The Musicologist**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5YejJX_Ccs

10 best Star Wars Leitmotifs - From The Musicologist
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjNeK0xhFlI

Key Word:

leitmotif – a recurrent theme tune throughout a musical composition, associated with **a particular person/character**, idea, or situation.

Create your own **leitmotif** to suit a character.

1. Choose a character (you can invent your own)

2. Decide whether your character is big/small, good/bad, cowardly/brave, bouncy/slow etc.

3. Play around with different Instrumental sounds and pitches to find the best sound for your character.

4. You can alter your **leitmotif** by changing:

Pitch (high/low sounds)
Tempo (fast/slow sounds)
Dynamics (loud/quiet)
Texture (smooth long/short spikey sounds)

5. When you are happy with your LEITMOTIF record it (there might be someone in your household who is techy)

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1. Why not create more **characters** each with their own leitmotif?
2. You might like to create a **leitmotif** for each character/person in your household? OR the characters that pass your window every day?
3. You could retell a short story and compose **leitmotifs** for each character. Playing their motif as they appear in the story.

Playing with sounds:

You can make sounds with items from your house.
You can use your voice to make sounds.
You can use music from your playlists to add background.

If you have a synthesizer/keyboard - lucky you - use it ☺
If you don't, find one on-line. Here are some examples
https://midi.city/
https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/
https://intro.novationmusic.com/retro-grain

QUICK QUIZ
Guess the Movie Theme - From The TopSpot
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PeFrfunDnqc

Some of these movies are quite old so older people in your house might have a chance of beating you ☺