

Unit 1: Basics of Music & Film

Section 1: Elements of Music

Elements of Music

- Pitch
- Melody
- Harmony
- Texture
- Dynamics
- Rhythm
- Tempo
- Timbre

Pitch

- **How high or low a pitch is**
 - *Describe the pitch in the clip from Psycho*
- **Terms used to describe pitch**
 - High
 - Middle
 - Low

Melody

- A series of pitches that create a musical idea
 - *Describe the melody in this clip*
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- Terms used to describe melody:
 - Conjunct
 - Disjunct
 - Range(Narrow or Wide)
 - Consonant
 - Dissonant

Harmony

- 2 or more pitches sounding at the same time to create a chord or progression
 - Describe the harmony in this scene
 - Describe the harmony in this scene
- Terms used for harmony:
 - Major
 - Minor
 - Consonant
 - dissonant

Texture

- The way the harmony and melody go together
- Terms used to describe texture
 - Solo
 - Homophonic
 - Polyphonic
 - Thin
 - Dense

Dynamics

- How loud or soft music is
 - Describe the dynamics in this scene
 - Describe the dynamics in this scene
- Terms to describe dynamics
 - Soft, medium, loud
 - Crescendo
 - Decrescendo

Rhythm

- Sounds of different lengths are organized into patterns
 - Describe the rhythm in the scene
 - Describe the rhythm in this scene
- Terms used to describe rhythm:
 - Long, short
 - Steady, syncopated
 - Beat

Tempo

- The speed of the beat in music
 - Describe the tempo in this scene
 - Describe the tempo in this scene

- Terms used to describe tempo
 - Fast, slow
 - Speeding up
 - Slowing down

Timbre

- The quality of a musical sound made by instruments or voices
 - Violin vs trumpet vs drum
- [Describe the timbres in this clip](#)
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- Terms used to describe timbre:
 - Strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, voices, electronic