



Suspense Music

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When you listen to a film, can you tell what genre of film it will be just from the title music?

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What else is music used for in a film?

Watch some clips and listen to the music.
How does it help the mood of the film?
What techniques are used?





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What techniques or ideas were used in the music?

How did it help the mood of the film and the action?

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Which clip had the music that created the most suspense and why?

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How did the composer change the mood of the music by what he played?

How does he fit the music accurately to the film?

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Some of the techniques used are particularly effective when writing scary music or creating suspense before an event happens.

Have a look at the next slide for some ideas> Did you think of any of these?

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- 'Jumpscare' - silence then loud chord
- Chromatic notes (semitones)
- Gradually raise tempo
- Clashing notes
- Meandering melody leading to...
- High (string) sounds
- Short (staccato) notes rising up the scale
- Juxtapose low and high pitched ideas

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