

# General Education Assessment in Music

Music Experience: Concerts  
Music Experience: Film Music  
Music in Western Civilization

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# Assessment in Music

Music majors are assessed as participants (performers and teachers) and as consumers (listeners)

Non-majors are assessed as consumers

# Sample Discussion

- After viewing the 6 video clips in the assignment for module 2, give your thoughts on the impact of the music. Respond to at least (3) three of your classmates.

Movie clip from Spiderman without sound

Movie clip from Spiderman with sound

# One Response

- It is quite obvious after watching these scenes that without the music, the scene has nothing to help the audience member capture the true emotion of what's happening.
- Spiderman - Perhaps the most delicate of all the scenes. For me, this was the best combination of the 3. It had a perfect balance that provide the most delicate, emotionally sensitive feeling, and gave an uplifting flow of emotion as the scene came to a conclusion.

# ASSESSMENTS FOR ACADEMIC FOUNDATION FOR MUSIC

- **CREATIVITY**

- Explains unique contribution
- Identifies relevant criteria for evaluating success
- Assesses quality of creative response accurately

- **EXPRESSION OF CULTURAL VALUES**

- Identifies core cultural values
- Compares personal values between self and others
- Strategizes about the role of differences in values that contribute to different perspectives

# Critiques of Live Concerts



- Students attend live concerts and write critiques of the concert.
  - They discuss how the music made them feel.
  - They give their opinion of the quality of the performance.
  - They discuss their opinion of the quality of the music
  - They talk about which piece they liked best and which they like the least and why.

# Assessment of Listening Skills

- Listen for and identify leitmotifs in films (repeated melodies that are associated with specific characters or ideas)



# Sample Questions

- True/False
  - One function of the music in Star Wars is to unify the film with leitmotif.
  - There is a musical theme associated with the force in Star Wars.



# Sample Questions

- True/False
  - The leitmotif for Luke Skywalker in Star Wars is always the same
  - The leitmotif for Luke Skywalker always uses the same instruments
  - The leitmotif for Luke Skywalker portrays his heroic character