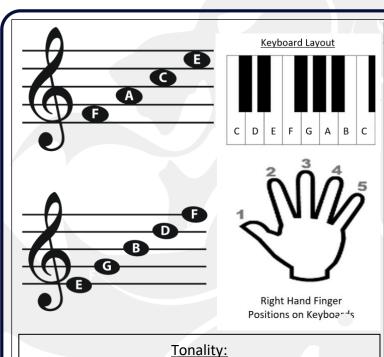
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The tonality of a piece of music defines the key

that it is in and this effects the overall sound

Composition devices in Film Music

Characters in Films often have their own memorable themes – **LEITMOTIFS**

TONALITY is used to reflect emotions or characteristics of the genre/ character.

MAJOR TONALITY sounds happy and can be used to a super hero for example.

MINOR TONALITY sounds sad and can be used to reflect a character's mood.

ATONALITY means no key. This sounds very **DISSONANT** and can be used to reflect scary scenes or horror films.

TEMPO can also be used to reflect the speed of the action in the scene.

Leitmotif:

 A Leitmotif is music which <u>represents and</u> <u>expresses</u> a character, or something within a Film.

quality.

• Like a Theme Song almost



Koji Kondo Super Mario Bros. (1985) The Legend of Zelda (1986)



Michael Giacchino The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) Medal of Honour (1999) Call of Duty (2003)



Film Music Composers

Mieko Ishikawa Dragon Slayer (1993)



Martin O'Donnell and Michael Salvatori Halo (2002)



Topic Key Learning:

- Musical Element Uses in Film Music
- Composition of Leitmotif to reflect a character.
- Composition Devices & Skills for Film Music
- Using Physical and Vocal Performance Skills Effectively
- Devising a performance on a theme (pressure) and performing.