

Original Film Score Checklist

Compose and record an original film score for a short film that is 3–10 minutes long.

- Find a filmmaking friend, use a film that you made yourself, or find a film in the [Public Domain](#). Below are resources for finding Public Domain films.
 - **Disclaimer:** Parental supervision is recommended as some Public Domain films may not be appropriate.
 - [Library of Congress Website](#)
 - [PublicDomainMovies.net](#)
- Watch the film you chose with your teacher and note the themes and moods.
- Set a premiere date for your video with your teacher.
- Work to create your own score using ostinato, theme, and variation. You may also adapt folk songs and classical performance pieces. Your score should enhance the mood of the film.
- Record your score while watching the film with headphones.
- Edit your video using whatever video editing software you're comfortable with. Here's a list of free editing softwares you can use:
 - iMovie (for Mac)
 - Adobe Rush (available as a free trial)
 - Openshot
- Make a thumbnail or title card.
- Write a video description that includes:
 - The title of your video
 - Film information including the film's writer, director, and release date
 - Your name and instrument (and your collaborator's if you have an accompanist)
- Ask your teacher to fill out the announcement form in advance of your video premiere.
- Export your video as an mp4 file. Ask your teacher to submit your video to Orpheus for uploading to YouTube.

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- Make sure your video is horizontal, stable, and well lit.
- Make sure that your movie is either original or in the Public Domain.
- Make sure there is no background noise in your video.
- Record your best playing.
- Record a video of your performance and edit your video with a picture-in-picture effect so we can see you playing. Everyone on-screen should be focused, happy, and presentable.
- When editing your music, let the final note ring out completely. Don't cut off the end of your song too early.
- Make sure the dialogue of the film is still audible, if possible.
- Make sure that the volume of your music is consistent: there shouldn't be any sections that are significantly louder or quieter than each other.
- Download the official Orpheus "end-screen" and place it at the end of your video. [Download HERE](#) (or ask your teacher).
- Make sure your Thumbnail or Title card is landscape and has a high resolution. YouTube recommends that your thumbnail be 1280×720 pixels.