

Music And War

FANFARES



Fanfares were originally trumpet calls used as a flourish of sound. They could either be used to announce an important person or as a signal to frighten away the enemy.

HINTS FOR COMPOSING YOUR FANFARE

- ♣ When composing start and finish on the same note.
- ♣ Try to move by step and not leap.
- ♣ Use imitation.
- ♣ Your second instrument should not come in straight away. Come in half way through your first phrase by using imitation.
- ♣ Remember that the last part only used 3 different notes. You do not need to use many different pitches to make your fanfare effective.

LISTENING QUESTIONS



The Dambusters

1. What instrument plays at the beginning?
2. Which instrument plays the theme/ the melody?
3. How many beats are there in a bar?
4. Comment on the use of dynamics.
5. Is this piece of music effective? Does it show war?