

## Movie Score Analysis Rubric

For this assignment, you are to review and analyze the music in a film, thus demonstrating your ability to *listen sensitively* to film music and *process information both in terms of synthesis and analysis* when you form an opinion of that music. All are University requirements for the class.

### Required elements:

\_\_\_\_\_-Correct identification of the composer. **2%**

\_\_\_\_\_-Introductory paragraph. **5%**

\_\_\_\_\_-Plot summary. **10%**

\_\_\_\_\_-Identification of musical instruments or ensembles that perform the score's music. **5%**

\_\_\_\_\_-Discussion of opening music, and how it establishes the film's mood, and/or foreshadows what is to come. **17%** (If opening music is not present, discuss the opening scene and that music)

\_\_\_\_\_-Discussion of what aspect(s) of the film the score primarily enhances, examples- humor, action, character psychological states, etc. **8%**

\_\_\_\_\_-Analysis of the music in one important scene. **33%** (total)

\_\_\_\_\_-Illustration of the scene's events. **11%**

\_\_\_\_\_-While describing how the music sounds. **11%**

\_\_\_\_\_-Analyzing how the music enhances the scene's drama, thus synthesizing an opinion of the effectiveness. **11%**

\_\_\_\_\_-Student's opinion of the score including support from the movie, in a separate paragraph. **10%**

\_\_\_\_\_-Grammar and punctuation. Must be edited and correct throughout, including underlining or italicizing the movie's title. Your grade may also be lowered for unclear writing. **10%**

Plagiarism in any form may result in a "zero" grade for the paper.