

# Musical Themes

**OBJECTIVE:** to identify musical themes in a short piece of classical music.

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete the listening by clicking on the links below. Listen and watch for the three themes in this piece of music. When you are finished, click on the google form link at the bottom of the doc.

**CAUTION:** This listening assignment has a video that has images often associated with Halloween. If you prefer to choose something from the music choice board on the specialist site this week, that is absolutely fine!

## *Danse Macabre*

By

Camille Saint-Saens



Camille Saint-Seans wrote the piece of music you are going to listen to this week. He was a french composer, pianist, and organist

who was born in Paris, France. He composed instrumental music (concertos, sonatas, symphonies, chamber music) and vocal music (sacred music, voice with orchestra, voice with chamber music, and operas.) His most famous piece is entitled Carnival of the Animals. This week you are going to listen to a fun piece of music entitled **Danse Macabre**.

Do you know what a musical theme is? It is a melody in a piece of music. There are usually two or three melodies/themes in a piece of music. Listen to the piece Danse Macabre (rather spooky) by Camille Saint-Saens and try to remember the three different melodies in this piece. Click on the link below to listen!

[Danse Macabre- themes- map](#)

Could you pick out the three themes when they were played?? Listen to the piece below without the listening map and see if you can tally how many times each theme is performed. (Hint: if a different instrument repeats the melody, count that as one time). Feel free to use the above listening map if that is more helpful! Good luck! Click on the link below to listen!

[Danse Macabre- French Philharmonic](#)

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