



Lucky you are to have such a cool teacher. Yes yes.

In honor of May the 4th, we're going to learn a little about John Williams, composer of (most) of the Star Wars movies and SO much more! Williams is indisputably one of America's greatest composers and I guarantee you every single one of you know his music.

Here is your assignment:

1. Start your lesson with a good laugh and watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tj-GZJhfBmI>
2. Watch the same scene WITH the music. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yixG8pfncOs>
3. Go to <https://www.biography.com/> and search for John Williams. Read his bio and make note of some of the films he's worked on.
4. Go to <https://www.imdb.com/> (Internet Movie Database) or use the IMDb app and search for John Williams. Feel free to read his bio here as well to see what else you can learn about him. In either platform just under the pictures is a link to Awards. He is perhaps the most award-winning composer out there!
5. Watch one of the movies for which he's composed the score! That's right, your assignment is to watch a movie!!

Stipulations:

- Pick a movie you've never seen before, maybe one from back in the day! Have you ever seen the original Superman movie? What about E.T.? JAWS!! Check out the full list before deciding.
- Be sure to choose from the awards list. His music is so wildly popular that it's been used in a TON of other movies so he is given credit for having his music used in films even when he didn't compose the full score.

Reflections questions:

1. What are your thoughts on the difference between the final scene with and without music?
2. How did the music change the feel of the scene? And think about it, actors never hear the music when they're filming! Isn't it amazing how much music adds to a film?
3. What movie did you watch?
4. What did you notice about the music in your film?
5. How did it enhance your film?
6. What else??