

Although the function of sound effects is primarily atmosphere, they can also be precise sources of meaning in film.



A collection of military medals and a compass are arranged on a wooden surface. The medals include a red ribbon with a circular emblem, a blue ribbon with a circular emblem, and two silver Maltese crosses with central medallions. A pair of gold-rimmed glasses and a silver compass are also visible. The background is a light-colored, textured surface.

Critics refer to sounds that the characters can hear as diageitic, while sounds they cannot hear are nondiageitic.

**Sound effects can
also serve
symbolic
functions, which
are usually
determined by
the dramatic
context.**





The final scene from a movie is often the most important.

Because to its privileged position, it can represent the filmmaker's summing up of the significance of the previous scenes.

A collection of historical artifacts is displayed on a light-colored surface. On the left, there is a blue and brown checkered board with several small, round, light-colored objects scattered on it. Below the board, a pair of gold-rimmed glasses with thin temples lies horizontally. To the right of the glasses, a silver compass with a white face and black markings is visible. Above the glasses, there are two ornate medals. One is a red ribbon with a circular emblem, and the other is a white star-shaped medal with a central emblem. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image, reading:

Music can be used as foreshadowing, especially when the dramatic context does not permit a director to prepare an audience for an event.

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**Characterization
can be suggested
through musical
motifs, and can be
even more precise
when lyrics are
added to music.**

**A frequent
function of film
music is to
underline
speech,
especially
dialogue.**



A collection of objects is arranged on a light-colored surface. On the left, a portion of a chessboard with a blue and brown checkered pattern is visible, featuring several chess pieces. Below the chessboard are two medals: one with a red ribbon and a white star, and another with a blue ribbon and a white star. A pair of gold-rimmed glasses lies horizontally across the middle. In the bottom left corner, a circular compass with a white face and black markings is visible. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Although
musicals have
been produced in
several countries,
the genre has
been dominated
by Americans.**

In the 1940s and 1950s, the musical was dominated by MGM, which had the finest musical directors under contract.



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**Movies contain
two types of
spoken
language: the
monologue and
dialogue.**