



# A Level Music

**TASK: Prepare a presentation in a style of your choice on the film music for Batman Returns by Danny Elfman.**

**First listen to these four tracks:**

Birth of a Penguin Part I <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcyRs-EyGT8>

Birth of a Penguin Part II <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mx4CSeqQBk>

Batman vs the Circus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aScuVC7rSBw>

The Rise and Fall from Grace <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oz8aLIECqqM>

You may want to watch the film or just the scenes where the music is used.

**In your presentation include:**

- 1) Contextual information: When the film was released, how it fits into the Batman franchise
- 2) A synopsis of the plot, you could explain in more detail the plot of the scenes for when the music is used.
- 3) Information about Danny Elfman and his work/career.
- 4) Musical features used in the three tracks from Batman Returns.
- 5) How Danny Elfman's music conveys the themes of good, evil and greed.