

Brainstorming

1) Three songs:

- a) Lo-fi anime beats playlist
 - i) Very structured -- maintains a pattern
 - ii) Sometimes changes a little, isn't boring
 - iii) Upbeat enough to not be sleepy music but not too busy
 - iv) Better for studying, not necessarily relaxing
- b) Not a specific song but nature sounds
 - i) Light rain in the background
 - ii) Some degree of unexpectedness → if thunder or other nature sounds it should be somewhat random
- c) Taylor swift songs
 - i) Upbeat
 - ii) Consistent rhythm / chord structure
 - iii) Good for studying because they feel familiar and I don't have to focus on them
- d) This one piano song from Twilight
 - i) Melodic
 - ii) A little faster but still peaceful

2) What gives musical pieces character

- a) Structure
 - i) I like to listen to relaxing songs that have a verse/chorus/bridge structure
 - ii) A lot of pop songs are verse chorus verse chorus bridge chorus -- this works because it feels like a story, is very similar musically but can still be surprising
 - iii) Applying structure thing to chill music, maybe we have a repeated chorus and change slightly as the song continues
- b) Feels like a story
 - i) The music feels like it is headings somewhere
 - ii) Like a story, a lot of good music has a climax
 - iii) Feels intentional -- not just a bunch of random notes thrown together

3) My piece

- a) Songs I like for studying and relaxing
 - i) Generally familiar to me
 - ii) Have a pattern/are repetitive
 - iii) Slow, peaceful
- b) Thunder/rain
- c) Structure
 - i) Defining functions to help repetition and idea of a chorus
 - ii) Functions that take in different chords? So will return the same pattern but for a different chord
 - iii) Playing similar things but making slight modifications
- d) Feelings

- i) Peaceful
- ii) Slow, but possible speeds up at times to be surprising
- iii) Wistful (can i convey this)