

# The Accordion

## ANALYZING CHARACTERS THROUGH MUSIC

*The accordion and its music is a large symbol within this text. It represents Han's promise to Max's father during the war, a way that he and Liesel bond when she first arrives, and hope and joy amidst a more hateful backdrop of Nazi Germany.*

*Music can be used as a catalyst to help one emote their feelings and share experiences, whether positive or negative. Therefore, you will further analyze a character or one character-relationship within *The Book Thief* through song.*

**Choose one song to be a character's theme song or one that plays during a particular part of the book to set the mood or illustrate emotions of characters. In addition, you will design your own album cover with color symbolism and other symbols to help support your analysis. Then answer the following questions to showcase the connections you made between the song and character(s).**



Why did you choose those images/symbols for your cover art and how do they represent the character in *The Book Thief*? In addition, what do the colors symbolize and what is the connection between the colors and the character? (5+ sentences total).

# Explanation of Soundtrack Project

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Character(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Song Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How does the song represent the character (behavior, beliefs, goals/dreams, relationship with others)? Use specific details from the novel to support your answer)  
*Write 3+ sentences.*



2. What is one or more lines from the lyrics of this song that relate to this character or character relationship?
  - a. Further explain why these chosen lyrics represent this individual (3+ sentences). Make sure to provide specific examples from *The Book Thief* to support your analysis.
3. How is the musical genre (type of music), rhythm, pacing of the song, etc symbolic, showing the behavior or personality of this character? *Write at least three complete sentences.*