



## **World War Z (2013)**

**Starring: Brad Pitt, Mireille Enos, Daniella Kertesz, & Fana Mokoena**

**Director: Marc Foster (b. 1969 in Germany)**

**Composer: Marco Beltrami (b. 1966 in New York)**

### **Notable Films:**

**Marc Foster:**

**Finding Neverland (2004)**

**Stranger than Fiction (2006)**

**Marco Beltrami:**

**Resident Evil (2002)**

**The Woman in Black (2012)**

**Scream Franchise (1996-2011)**

★ **Based on the novel by Max Brooks**

★ **He publicly stated that he felt the movie had little to do with his book.**

★ **Highest grossing film of Brad Pitt's career**

### **5 Notable Themes in the film:**

**I. Discovery**

**II. Taking Action**

**III. Devastation**

**IV. Hope/Triumph\***

**V. Karin and the Kids**

\*main difference between these is the bass line behind the one identified as triumph

**Toneless bass and heartbeats are employed often in the film in order to create a feeling of apprehension or fear in the viewer as felt by the character.**

**Discovery: We hear this theme as they come closer to finding the cure**  
**G minor arpeggio**  
**Heard in the very beginning as a foreshadow**

1:24 - 3:34	Opening Credits
25:28 - 26:10	Getting on to the ship in the helicopter
33:51 - 35:29	“Mother Nature is a serial killer”
50:54 - 52:02	Landing in Israel
1:07:01 - 1:08:48	Flashbacks of the people bypassed by zombies
1:24:24 - 1:26:00	In W.H.O. “It’s camouflage.”
1:38:38 - 1:39:52	In the vault

**Taking Action: Heard whenever they are fighting or coming into contact with zombies**  
**Characterized by heavy brass and percussion**  
**Often heard with pulsating bass notes**

7:26 - 8:20	Gerry driving through traffic before being hit
8:30 - 10:40	Getting out of the city
13:23 - 16:13	In the store then into the alleyway
16:39 - 17:18	Finding shelter
22:06 - 24:23	Getting to the helicopter
27:26 - 29:30	Thierry updates Gerry on what’s happening in the world
37:27 - 38:04	Speke arrives to get everyone inside the base
46:42 - 49:10	Getting to the plane to refuel, then taking off
52:41 - 55:08	Talking about the 10th man
57:16 - 1:00:10	Zombies overtake Israel
1:01:45 - 1:03:34	Gerry and Segen getting to a plane
1:10:40 - 1:12:33	Zombies overtaking the plane
1:30:00 - 1:32:29	Trying to get through B-wing
1:33:22 - 1:34:53	Gerry getting away from zombies
1:35:08 - 1:35:27	Gerry kills the 2nd zombie that runs up
1:35:33 - 1:36:41	Javier and Segen running to safety
1:39:52 - 1:41:51	Gerry injecting himself

**Devastation: Played any time there are overhead shots of zombies taking over**  
**Often plays in addition to or over top of other themes**  
**Singular brass *sffz* with following chord suspension**

7:56	Truck plows cop
10:41	“Containment is a fail.”
56:04	The city is too loud
1:02:03	Israel being overrun
1:03:57	Zombies running next to the plane

**Hope/Triumph: Quick piano or light chords**  
**Played whenever something good is happening**  
**Sometimes associated with family**

24:29 - 26:18	Getting away from the apartment and to the ship
55:08 - 55:27	“Every human being we save is one less zombie to fight.” -Salvation gates
59:43	Boy in the streets being passed by
1:04:00 - 1:04:17	Rescue plane flying away
1:13:54 - 1:16:00	Gerry waking up after the plane wreck
1:16:14 - 1:17:11	Gerry and Segen walking through town and then up to W.H.O.
1:42:29 - 1:43:04	Gerry walking up to face the zombie through the door
1:43:27 - 1:45:54	Gerry walks past the zombies and to safety Sailing to Nova Scotia
1:47:02 - end	Ending lines, credits

**Karin: Very slight and beautiful chords**  
**Always when Gerry is calling and when he leaves initially**

30:35 - 32:46	Gerry leaving the ship for South Korea
49:21 - 50:24	Gerry calling while on the way to Israel
1:17:54 - 1:46:53	Karin and the kids are kicked off the ship
1:45:54 - 1:46:53	Gerry arrives in Nova Scotia Radio and TV transmissions play

# World War Z Quiz

- 1. What was the nationality of the family who took Gerry and his family refuge?**
  - a. Japanese**
  - b. Latino**
  - c. American**
  - d. Australian**
  
- 2. How did Dr. Fassbach die?**
  - a. he shot himself**
  - b. a zombie got him**
  - c. he fell out of the plane**
  - d. he got food poisoning**
  
- 3. What body part did Gerry have to cut off Segen in order to save her life?**
  - a. her leg**
  - b. her head**
  - c. her hand**
  - d. her arm**
  
- 4. How did Gerry save himself and Segen when the zombies attacked the plane?**
  - a. he blew up the side with a grenade**
  - b. he parachuted out with Segen**
  - c. he packed all the zombies into suitcases**
  - d. he didn't, they died on the plane**
  
- 5. Which wing of the W.H.O. facility are the viruses stored in?**
  - a. Z-wing**
  - b. the Skybridge**
  - c. B-wing**
  - d. none of the above, they were all destroyed**