

Listening Project #1

Important part of becoming a complete musician is listening to music critically. We're going to start this process with music you like, which will prepare you for listening to great players on your instrument later on, as well as famous works for concert band and orchestra.

The paper should be about 1-2 pages in length.

The paper must be **typed** and **single spaced**.

The font must be Times New Roman, Arial, Courier, Courier New, or Cambria (or equivalent), 12 point.

Spelling counts. Grammar counts. All sentences must be complete sentences; you must observe good paragraph structure with topic sentences...in short, you should write a coherent, intelligible research paper.

This is due **Sunday, September 27**.

Please submit your report via google classroom as usual. A google doc, a separate word processor file, or a pdf are all acceptable formats.

The first page:

The first page needs to have *your name*, *your period*, and the title of your report.

Label the first section "Biography". The biography section should be about a half page to a full page long, and it should include the name of the group or artist you are writing about, details about their life, facts about what music they made that was important, what they thought about music, and who they were influenced by and who they influenced. Essentially this is detail to tell me (and you) why I should care about this group or artist.

The second page:

The second page are where you will type your thoughts on one song, recording, or video by the artist of your choice. I recommend recordings from youtube, as those will be the easiest and cheapest to find, however CDs/itunes/spotify/etc. are acceptable. Please format each section as follows:

Recording

Title:

Source:

My Thoughts:

If you get the recording from youtube or spotify, please type the url (web address) for the source. If you get it off itunes or a CD, please put "itunes" or "CD", along with the album title.

"*My Thoughts*" must be at least two **full** paragraph long (4-6 sentences) and include the following:

What instruments are being played

What genre of music is it (your best guess)

Is the music saying anything? Is it telling a happy story, or a sad story, or is it angry, or about love, or...?

Do you like the music? **Why or why not?**