

## **MS Publisher Music Project: The Classical Era Newspaper.**

You will be creating a newspaper on the Classical Era of music. You should only use your key word notes for the newspaper. You may include pictures from the internet and/or the Division 4 Musical Eras Page.

### **1. Criteria:**

- a. The newspaper should be completely **COPS'd and GOLDEN RULED**.
- b. You **may use more than one page** for your newspaper.
- c. You must imagine that you are a reporter. You are writing this newspaper during the classical era, so your reporting should be in the **present tense**. Use words like "is", "will" and "has". Imagine the events are happening or are expected to happen.
- d. You should **only use your key word notes for your three news stories**: no plagiarism. (You may have to change some key words from past tense to present tense).
- e. You **may use the internet** to help gather other facts about each composer for your "**Letters to the Editor**" section.
- f. **Each dress-up and opener** that you have learned so far this year, should appear *at least* once in each story and letter.

### **2. Directions:**

- a. You will need to give the newspaper a name. It will need to be something to do with the Classical Era of Music.
- b. Your newspaper should have 3 stories and a section called "Letters to the Editor". The stories can be reported in any order. One story should tell what IS happening in the world during this time; another story should be about what IS happening with music in the world, and the next story should be an editorial opinion about the two great composers of the era. Remember, you are in the present tense.
- c. Your newspaper must have a section entitled "Letters to the Editor" which appears at the end of the newspaper. In this section, you will receive 2 letters from readers, one who agrees and one who disagrees with your opinion on who is the best composer: Mozart or Beethoven. The letters must comment on specific statements you made in your article about who is the best composer. They should give other information that you haven't used in your article to agree or disagree with you – you may research this from the internet. They should be written in letter format (Name of person, return address, date, start "Dear Editor,").
- d. You will need to create an appropriate headline for each story. Each headline for each of your 3 stories should indicate to the reader what the following story is about. It should be "punchy" and "catchy" and appropriate.
- e. Each story should be organized in paragraphs. Any interviews or quotations should be in quotes ("Using quotation marks!").
- f. You must include *at least* one picture *with a caption* in each story.
- g. In your editorial opinion about the two great composers of the era, you must compare and contrast them. Then you must come up with a conclusion that states which, in your reporter's opinion, you think is the better composer and why.