

Music Presentation Assignment – Due: June

Goal: To give an oral-presentation to the class on one of your favorite pieces of music; it can be a piece from any genre.

Your presentation for your piece of music should contain:

- A short written speech of *at least* 4 pages double-spaced and typed on a computer in paragraph format. (Don't forget GOLDEN RULES!).
- A bibliography citing ALL sources of information you have used for your presentation.
- A poster-board background **OR** a short power point presentation background with pictures which also contains *brief* computer-printed details from (#2) below in point form. The poster board or power point will be displayed during your presentation. (You cannot present using your power point, it is only a "poster".)
- Your music sample to listen to and a time-line.

You should include these parts in your oral-presentation, your written speech, and your poster board

1. Title (5 Marks)

- The name of the piece of music; the composer's/performer's name(s); the date it was composed.

2. Facts on the composer/performer (10 Marks):

- Place, date of birth & death: highlights/appropriate lowlights of their life;
- Tell why they are missed, or why they will be missed after they die;
- How can you recognize this performer's music? (What are the characteristics of this performer's musical sound & voice?). If it is a cover, then discuss the performer's influence on the piece of music: how do they influence/change it from the original?
- Create a brief time-line giving **ten or more** interesting details and facts (birth, career highlights, awards won, major events that he/she was part of; other major works he/she has composed).

3. Information on the piece of music (35 Marks):

- Why do you like it? (What first attracted you to it?)

- Are the lyrics meaningful to you? What ideas **do you think** the composer/performer trying to get across to us through this piece of music? What parts should be listened carefully to, and why?
 - What are some or all of the instruments are used?
 - Give two positive and one negative review of this music by a critic.
4. You need to have the piece recorded (15 Marks) on a cassette, iPod/MP3, or CD so it can be played before or after your presentation.
5. You will present this piece in front of the class (25 Marks)
- Your oral presentation should be **clear, loud**, and interesting.
 - You should use a loud voice, take your time and be sensible.
 - Eye-contact with your audience is important so be familiar with your material.
 - You should prepare yourself for questions from the audience afterwards (make sure you know your facts).
 - Your total presentation time, including the piece of music, should last no more than 10 minutes.
6. Bibliography (10marks):

Please record ALL the sources of information you used for this assignment using the bibliography format you have used this year. **You should have at least 3 sources.** You may use the *Elementary Citation Maker* at the following websites <http://www.citationmachine.net/apa/cite-a-website>
<http://www.bibme.org/>

See Mr. Nixon for details if you are unsure. Without a bibliography your assignment will receive a score of 0 and an Incomplete (I).

Expectations: All work associated with this presentation will be handed in to Mr. Nixon on the day of your presentation. There will be no lates accepted.

- All work must follow the writing process and be fully proof read, edited and best copy. No COPS errors and complete sentences please.
- Use the Golden Rules for your word processing.
- **Keyword** all information you get; that is, write down no more than three KEY words per sentence and reconstruct those sentences from those keywords.
- Plagiarism will not be accepted; you must have the bibliography for any credit to be given for this assignment.