

# CONCERT PAPER ASSIGNMENT

Once a quarter\*, you are to attend a concert of classical or jazz music or a performance of musical theatre. This performance may be by a professional, college or high school group. A list of concerts occurring during any given quarter will be announced or posted in the band room. After attending the performance, you are to type a one to two-page paper discussing the event.

Topics to be covered should include:

What, where and when of the event

Descriptions of two or three pieces performed

Evaluation of the performance (what did they do well and what needed work)

Summary of what you learned from the performance

Grading rubric:

<b>I can describe and evaluate a musical performance with proper vocabulary.</b>			
	3 points	2 point	1 point
Description of pieces	in-depth, focuses on 2+ elements	lacks depth, only 1 element	superficial or no description
Evaluation of performance	in-depth, focuses on 2+ targets	lacks depth, only 1 target	superficial or no critique
Summary of what you learned	shows interesting new insight	lacks depth	no summary
Use of musical vocabulary	musical terms used correctly	some terms used incorrectly	most terms used incorrectly
12=95   11=90   10=85   9=80   8=75   7=70   6=65   4-5=60			
Up to 5 points may be awarded for exceptional insight or creative thought.			

The elements of music include melody, harmony, rhythm, texture, timbre, and form. Performance elements are tone, intonation, correct notes, rhythm, expression, and style. See your band warm-up packet for further information.

You are always allowed to rewrite a paper after it has been graded. Fix any errors and/or add missing information, and you can get a higher grade.

This paper will be averaged into the musicology portion of your grade. It is due within one week of the performance attended, but no later than the due dates listed below. If possible, please attach a program from the performance. If you are in more than one band, you do not need to write more than one paper. You may not write about a concert in which you are performing.

\*The assigned quarters for completing the concert papers are as follows:

Freshmen: 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Sophomores: 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Juniors: 1st, 2nd and 4th. Seniors: 1st and 3rd. Jazz Band members not in another band: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

Due dates: 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters, last day of the quarter. 4th quarter, the Friday before the last week of the quarter.