Band & Chorus   **Name:** _____

Program Notes Assignment   **Date:**

For those in High School, this assignment will count toward earning honors credit for band or chorus. For those in Middle School, this assignment will count as extra credit, worth the same as one practice log.

Assignment: You will write at least 3 paragraphs on one of the composers or arrangers of one of the pieces of music being performed, or on the piece itself. These notes will be included in the program for the concert. Proper grammar and spelling are required. Any sources used, including the written music itself must be properly sourced.

Topics:
If you are writing notes on a composer or arranger, you must include:

> Year of birth and death (if applicable)
> Background information including where they were born, where they went to college, who they studied with, if they were part of a musical family, if they did anything for a living other than composition, any other notable compositions by this composer, and any other famous composers who studied with this composer.
> Any other point of information you find that you think is interesting

If you are writing notes on a piece of music, you must include:

> Date of composition
> Style of composition
> If it's an arrangement, include information on the original composition and composer, in addition to details on the arrangement itself
> Historical information on its original performances and reviews (if available)
> Interesting details in the music for the audience to listen for (as many as possible, as long as they are interesting)

Due Date: A final draft must be submitted at least one week before the concert. Submitting an electronic file would be preferable, as I will properly format it into the program.

You may seek help from myself, an english teacher, or a librarian for any questions you have about music, grammar, spelling, and proper citation.

Once a topic is agreed upon, write it down here:

Topic:_____

Grading: This assignment will be pass/fail, either it will be added to the program, or it will not be added.