

# Extra Credit/Make-Up Project

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Per. \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Which performance/assignment is this making up for?

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Choose one of the topics below and write a paper about your project. Your work will only count toward the make-up of a performance/assignment grade IF it is quality work (see guidelines below). If you have any questions, Ms. Arthur can help. **Only one assignment per term will be accepted for credit.**

## **Topics (choose one, then circle it)**

1. Attend any musical performance (another school band/choir/orchestra, WLHS or WVHS band/choir/orchestra choir, local orchestra, jazz band, etc.) and answer the following questions. If you choose this option, the paper should be turned in with a copy of the concert program.
  - Who were the performers? What were the pieces performed? What kind of mood did the music set? Which instruments, if any, were played? What style of music was it? Did you enjoy it? Why or why not?
2. Think about your favorite music (on the radio, on your iPod, Spotify/Pandora, etc.) Why do you listen to it? What, specifically, do you like about it? (Try to use musical terms you know from band class.) Do you like your “band music” for the same reasons? In what ways are the two types of music similar? Has band class changed the way you listen to music?
3. Take a private lesson(s) on your band instrument and reflect on your experience. What did the private teacher focus on? How will you apply what you learned in the lesson to your playing in band? How did taking lessons with someone else make you feel – good, bad, nervous, inspired?
4. Compose a piece of music for your band instrument. Try to make your piece at least 12 measures long. When you finish your piece, write about your composition process. How did you get started? What inspired you – an emotion, an event, nature, your imagination, or something else? Why did you pick the key and time signatures that you used in your piece?
5. Pretend that you're writing a book on playing your instrument. You've just gotten to the chapter called "How to Practice." Write a detailed summary of your practice routine. What do you do first? Second? Why have you placed these activities in this order? How often and how long should you practice? How can you keep practicing interesting, and why is it important?

## **Guidelines:**

1. Your assignment is due by the end of the quarter. Late make-up assignments are not accepted. Only one assignment per term will be accepted for credit.
3. Your paper should be typed, single spaced, and at least one page long (12-pt font, normal margins). Please write with good grammar, correct spelling, and correct punctuation.
4. Staple this sheet to your completed, typed paper.
5. Use your own words. If you copy your work from the internet, a book, or any other unoriginal source, you will receive a *zero* and a referral.