

Extra Credit Writing Prompt

1. Attend any musical performance.
2. Bring back a concert program or ticket stub to turn in with your essay on the performance.
3. Complete the essay described below.
4. Turn in all above materials in order to receive Extra Credit points.

Write a short descriptive well-organized essay on a musical selection of your choice from the performance that you attended. Make sure to include the title of the composition (if known), the composer/arranger and any other information about the music that you deem appropriate. Your essay should also include a description of what you heard while listening to the music and a description of what you liked or found interesting about the music. You should include **at least** five correct and appropriate musical terms. Take extra care in spelling, grammar, punctuation and organization as these will also factor into the amount of extra credit you will receive.

Scoring Rubric

4 – Exemplary/Understanding

- An essay that is complete and well organized
- At least five correct and appropriate musical terms used
- Proper use of spelling, grammar and punctuation

3 – Acceptable/Some Understanding

- An essay that is complete, but ideas could be better organized
- Four correct and appropriate musical terms used
- Few errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation

2 – Approaching/Knowledge

- An essay that is incomplete and ideas that could be better organized
- Two – three correct and appropriate musical terms used
- Some errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation

1 – Attempted/Minimum Knowledge

- An essay that is incomplete and ideas that could be better organized
- Less than two correct and appropriate musical terms used
- Many errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation

0 – Not Attempted/Other

- Blank or incoherent response