

Extra Credit Music Assignment- Alternate

You will write me a short paper in English about a classical piece of music. You may choose from one of the 3 pieces that was played in my concert on Friday, December 7, 2007. You will listen to the piece and write a brief paper about it. I will have CDs of these pieces in my room starting Monday 12/10 for you to come in and listen to before or after school.

*This is worth 5 points on our most recent test.
All papers are due Friday, 12/14/07 at 2:25*

Your choices-

- 1) **Messiah** (*excerpts from*)- an oratorio written by G. F. Handel. It tells the story of the Nativity. See me to get the assigned portion.
- 2) **Unfinished Symphony** by Franz Schubert.
- 3) **Overture to the Bartered Bride** by Bedrich Smetna-

Paper Requirements- Your paper must answer **all** of these questions.

1. Who is the composer? When & where did he live?
2. When did he start composing? What are some his well known pieces?
3. When did he compose the piece you are writing about? Why?
4. When was the piece first performed?
5. Why is the piece important?
6. Who are 2 other composers who lived during his lifetime? OR Who are two composers that inspired him?
7. What do you think of this piece? What do you like/dislike? How would you describe it to someone else? How is it similar/different from the music you listen to? (*minimum 5 sentences over this*)
8. Would you like to hear more music from this composer?

Did you like it? Here is some additional suggested listening!

IF YOU LIKED.....

Messiah

Unfinished Symphony

Bartered Bride

TRY.....

*Carmen- George Bizet
(English version)
Peter and the Wolf
Sergei Prokofiev*

The Moldau- Bedrich Smetna

*March from Symphonic Metamorphosis
Paul Hindemith*