

COMPOSER RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

You will have class time for this assignment, however you will also need to use your own time to complete it.

DUE DATE:

Choose a composer from the list below.

Baroque	Classical	Romantic	Modern
Vivaldi Bach Handel	Haydn Mozart Beethoven	Wagner Tchaikovsky Brahms Mahler Schuman Schubert Chopin Liszt	Debussy Stravinsky Schoenberg Gershwin Copland Bernstein

- 1) Research a composer. Find out all the important and interesting information about him that you can. Include information about the period that he belongs to (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Modern) Take **point form** notes.
- 2) Write a short (one page) biography of the composer using your notes.
- 3) Listen to three pieces of music by this composer. Complete a different activity for each piece. Be sure to write the title of the composition on each assignment. There are four to choose from.
 - a- Describe one piece of music in a full paragraph? What do you hear (instruments, rhythms, pitches, dynamics)? How does it make you feel? Do you like it? Why? Why not?
 - b- Draw a picture that illustrates what another of the pieces of music makes you feel.
 - c- Give the background information about the third piece of music. When was it written? Who was it written for? What is the story behind the music?
 - d- Perform a piece of music by the composer on the piano or instrument of your own.
- 4) How is the music of this composer similar to / different from the music that you usually listen to? Explain in detail. Use examples to demonstrate your ideas.

	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
Point form notes <u>Written in own words</u>	- detailed and covers many different aspects of composer's life and music	- covers many different aspects of composer's life and music	- covers some aspects of composer's life and music	- covers few aspects of composer's life and music
One page biography	- excellent summary of composer's life - no grammatical errors - written in own words	- good summary of composer's life - few grammatical errors - written in own words	- summary of most important aspects of composer's life - many grammatical errors	- incomplete summary
Describe music in a paragraph	- detailed description - no grammatical errors - written in own words	- good description - no grammatical errors - written in own words	- some attempt at describing music - grammatical errors	- limited attempt at describing music
Illustrate music	- detailed and coloured picture - shows creativity and effort	- detailed picture - shows creativity and effort	- coloured picture lacks detail or picture has some detail but no colour	-picture lacks detail and colour
Background info on music	- detailed and thorough information of background - written in own words	- information on background - written in own words	- some information but missing details	- little or no information
Play music	-plays full piece	-plays some of piece	-attempts to play piece	-not prepared to play
Comparison	- detailed comparison of similarities and differences - use many examples	- comparison of similarities and differences - uses some examples	-comparison of similarities and differences with no examples	- incomplete comparison

Overall Mark and Comments:

Parent Signature: