

Music History Project

This project will consist of a visual and audio presentation that will show elements of music from a specific era of music history.

For this project you have a lot of options. Here are some examples of what you can focus on.

1. Choose a specific era from music history and do an overarching synopsis of what makes that era unique musically.
2. A timeline of influential composers within an era or overarching multiple eras.
3. How did instrumentation in music change over time?
4. How did a specific instrument evolve over time?
5. How did art, architecture and music sound and look similar to one another?
6. What was the influence of the political and social sentiments of the era on music?
7. Choose a specific piece of music that portrays the characteristics of a certain era and do a background study of who wrote it, why it was written, what was its importance in the era and what are the elements in the music that make it a “typical” piece for the era?
8. Any other topic that you can come up with that is cleared with the teacher as relevant.

In order to get an “A” on your presentation it must meet the following criteria:

1. Be at least 5 minutes and less than 10 minutes.
2. You must have visual and audio portions of your presentation. They may be recorded, video, poster, live, banner, etc.
3. No more than half of your presentation can be music.
4. You must have an outline, that you can turn in, of what you are going to present. No “Winging it.” Note cards are allowed.
5. You must have references for where you gathered your information.
6. You must have at least three different sources for your information.
7. You must be prepared to answer questions about your presentation.

In order to get an “A” on the project you must meet the following criteria:

1. You must turn in a copy of your presentation. If your presentation is not electronic you must arrange for someone to video tape you giving your presentation.
2. You must turn in all audio samples, properly labeled.
3. You must turn in an outline of your presentation and/or copies of your notes. (Copies can be arranged by Mrs. Abbe)
4. You must turn in a works cited list.

Turning in the assignment

You may turn in the assignment one of two ways

1. www.dropitto.me/mrsabbe
2. it can be written and turned into the box for your class.

The title of your written paper or the saved title of your file should be in the following format:

(Your Name) (Name of Assignment) (Abbreviated Name of Class(es)) (Semester and Year)

for example:

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