

MVHS Concert Appreciation Assignment

Goals:

1. Attend a high school, collegiate or professional concert performance (classical, jazz, opera, musical theater). **You are expected to stay for the entire performance.**
2. Relate elements of the performance to your experiences in band/choir/orchestra class.
3. Learn about the music performed at the concert by listening to announcements and program notes.
4. Use appropriate vocabulary and music terminology.

Assignment:

Using the writing prompts listed below, write a paper about your concert experience. Your paper should be between 1-2 double-spaced pages. Papers should be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font with 1-inch margins. Do not use headings or extra spaces between paragraphs. Your paper should be in essay form. Do not use numbering, roman numerals, bullets, etc.

This assignment must be submitted no later than two weeks before the end of each semester. Please attach a program or ticket stub as proof of attendance.

No papers will be accepted for events other than those described in goal #1.

Content:

Your paper must include the following.

1. Write a brief introduction describing the event you attended.
2. Using musical vocabulary, discuss how the pieces you heard connected with the concepts that have been a focus during class. For instance, if you have learned extensively about bowing in orchestra class, it would be very appropriate to mention the bowing work that you observed in the performance. Some of the major concepts we have covered in class include:
 - A. Tone production
 - B. Playing expressively/following the conductor
 - C. Articulation and rhythmic layering
3. Write a conclusion that summarizes your experience.