

Musical Analysis #1 Assignment

Explorations in Music – Music 200x

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Select a Piece of Music

In this assignment, you will be presenting a specific work of music that you enjoy. It can be any genre of music. Yes, ANY genre. You want to discuss the music from your favorite video game – not a problem. The only stipulation is accessibility. Your classmates and your instructor need to be able to access the work you selected with ease, for free on your blog.

Write a Blog Post or do a Video Analysis Linked to Your Blog

In this first assignment, you need to present an analysis of the musical elements in the work you selected and explain how those elements lend themselves to your enjoyment. You must include a minimum of 3 musical elements.

Scholarship

Part of the liberal arts paradigm is considering what others say. As part of your analysis, you need to utilize either the internet or the library (periodicals like the Rolling Stones, All Music, etc.) to see what others say about the music you selected. You need to reference what others say in your blog post. If you come up empty-handed, your next alternative is a short biographical or historical background on the composer(s) or the style of music. You are expected to have two cited sources for your analysis.

Additionally, if you utilize any web sources to help you figure out the musical elements – cite that as well.

Who wrote the music? It isn't uncommon to find that the performer isn't the composer. Make sure you check.

Editing

Good writing counts. Penalties for poor editing will be applied. Same thing for video. Don't ramble. Have a script or an outline to follow.

Grading

In this first analysis assignment, you will be graded on the following:

Correctly identify and explain 3 musical elements in connection with your enjoyment - 15 points per element

Basic Information – Title (in italics if necessary), date, composer, country of origin – 5 points

Citing what others say – 20 points

Presentation – 10 points