

Music Appreciation – Composer Paper PROMPT

Prompt: Write a paper about a historical composer and his/her music.

Length: 3-4 Pages **Due:** Week 9

General Purpose: To describe the history of a composer and musical pieces

Specific Purpose: The paper will provide a brief history of the composer as well as the music style, unique characteristics, and music pieces along with the reasons for choosing the composer

Goals & Characteristics:

- **History of the composer:** The usual – where and when did they live, what notable events happened in their life
- **Musical style:** What musical time period did they live in? What types of music did they generate? What made their style unique?
- **At least 3 musical pieces:** Name three pieces by the composer and describe them musically. Why are these pieces significant?
- **Describe why you chose this composer**

SOURCES

A. Two Sources - A minimum of two sources must be used and properly referenced at the end of the paper using MLA format.

a. Wikipedia should not be your primary source.

B. Citations - Remember to use in-slide citations with proper MLA formatting.

Grading			
ORGANIZATION	Logical structure that includes an introduction, body, and conclusion.	25	
ACCURACY	Correct historical information, properly sourced.	25	
MUSIC ANALYSIS	Detailed and correct analysis of the composer's music.	25	
PURPOSE	Does the paper meet overall purpose and requirements	25	
TOTAL		100	