

Semester Concert Report Assignment

Chippewa Valley High School Choirs - Mr. Pecar

2023-24 – 1st Semester (DUE: December 14, 2023)

Assignment Description

This assignment must be completed by all choir students **once per semester**. Students are to attend a full length performance featuring ensembles of singers at the **high school level or higher** (i.e. college/university, professional). It must be a choir concert or Musical. You may NOT just watch some videos on youtube, the concert MUST be during this semester – you cannot write about a concert from years ago. You cannot write about a rock band or pop singer performance. This must be a vocal ensemble or a Musical at the High School level or higher. If you are wondering about a specific event, check with Mr. Pecar. After attending the performance, students must write a report reflecting on the event. **THE ESSAY IS DUE WITHIN 1 WEEK OF THE PERFORMANCE!! IF YOU GO TO A CONCERT IN FEBRUARY AND WAIT UNTIL MAY TO WRITE THE ESSAY, YOU WILL RECEIVE A 0. YOU HAVE 1 WEEK FROM THE PERFORMANCE DATE TO TURN IN THE ASSIGNMENT.**

The report must be typed, and be 1-3 pages in length with lines double-spaced. Include your name, class, date, and a title on your assignment. Use formal writing technique, and attach any tickets stubs or programs to your report. This assignment is 60 points, will be graded with the rubric (made available to students), and will be marked 5 point off for every school day that it is late.

You must print your essay. Do not email Mr. Pecar and ask him to print it for you. You also may not ask to use the computers during class to print the essay.

Additional Writing Suggestions

- Write the first draft of your report as soon as possible after the concert so your impressions remain fresh, **but don't write during the concert.**
- You may use the program when writing your paper. Do not, however, use the program notes as a substitute for your own thinking and personal reactions.
- Be as specific as possible when describing the music and your reactions to it.

Use the outline below to organize your assignment. Organize your thoughts appropriately into separate paragraphs. You may choose to answer some or all of the listed questions, and you may also come up with your own reactions and descriptions.

1. Introduction

Describe the performers, style of pieces, setting of the concert, etc.

The opening paragraph should answer "What?" "Where?" "When?" and "Whom?"

2. Body (divide into separate paragraphs)

Describe the qualities of the sound of the performing ensemble(s).

What was your favorite piece that was performed?

Is there a piece that was performed that you would like to sing in choir?

Is there a piece that was performed that you were already familiar with?

Did you have emotional reactions to any pieces? Why did you react the way you did?

Was there anything during the concert that surprised you?

Could the performance have been better? How?

3. Conclusion

Summarize your thoughts. Did you like or dislike the experience? Would you go again?