

FRANKLIN PERFORMING ARTS
6th, 7th, 8th Grade Students

Work Over The Break:

1. INTENTIONAL LISTENING

Listen to 4 *completely* different styles (genres) of music. Two of these styles need to be music that has originated from other countries. Provide the artist, title and Country the song belongs to. Also include the meaning of the song (you may have to research that one). Using complete sentences and correct grammar, discuss some of the characteristics you hear in each musical style. Each style should have a half page of typed or neatly written. Here are some questions you should ask yourself as useful prompts:

What kind of instruments are being used in this genre (you may need to research this especially if it is from another country)?

Does the timing or rhythm of the song closely resemble the music you usually listen to? If not, how do they differ?

Is the music mostly vocal or mostly instrumental?

2. MUSIC BEHIND THE SCENES

While watching a favorite movie, have a pad and pen ready. Describe the music being used in 3 separate scenes during the movie. Do your best to use choice adjectives to describe the feelings that the music is evoking in you (i.e. intensity, elation, mysterious, suspenseful). This may be a good time for your on-line thesaurus 😊. Also include the following:

Describe the scene first. Here is an example: I am watching the scene in “The Lion King” where Scar is first introduced to the audience. He is emerging from his dark cave ready to capture and eat his lunch, a helpless field mouse.

Then describe the music that is supporting this scene. Be specific as to how the music is used to capture what the camera and script is trying to portray.

3. MY PRETEND ISLAND PLAY-LIST

Imagine that you know you will be trapped on an island. You will be there for some time and need to create a new i-pod play list. However, you may NOT choose any of the songs that are on your actual play list in real life. In fact, imagine you have forgotten all of your favorite songs and are re-filling your mind with this brand new list. After each song title on your playlist, give the reason you chose this particular song. Create the list of 10 songs like this:

Song Title:	Style/Genre	Artist
Oogie boogie fake song	Eskimo Polka	Bobby Bobson

I chose this song because it makes me happy as do all songs about igloos.

(Do NOT use this actual entry..... it is fictitious)