

Online class discussion #1, February 10-17 (ends at 5pm)

Our first class blog activity will be an online discussion on a post I have made on the class blog: drjonesmusic.me. The name of the post is “Online class discussion #1.”

You must be signed in with your WordPress user account in order to comment on the post. If you have not yet emailed me your WordPress user name, do so immediately. You will not get credit for your comments if I do not know that you made them.

Read the post, watch the assigned video (approximately 1 hour long), and comment at least twice over the course of the week: once on the content of the video and once responding to another classmate’s comment. While comments on a blog post are not formal essays, you should use your best writing skills in order to ensure clarity of your ideas for everyone involved in the conversation.

You will be graded for both the quality and quantity of your posts according to the following rubric:

	Strong	Good	O.K.	Weak
<p>Critical Thinking The comments are insightful rather than vague or superficial; the comments demonstrate an accurate understanding of the video’s musical content and go beyond the superficial by thoughtfully incorporating comparison, contrast, and/or synthesis; the comments address the implication of the ideas under consideration.</p>				
<p>Support The comments cite specific examples from the video (using a time stamp where necessary) that are interesting, relevant, specific, sufficient, and directly connected to the comment being made; the musical examples are accurately described.</p>				
<p>Structure The comments contain a logical flow of ideas; the comments avoid straying or meandering; each comment remains focused on a main idea; comments are not a repetition of previous comments.</p>				
<p>Use of technical vocabulary The comments use discipline-specific vocabulary appropriately and accurately.</p>				
<p>Written Skill The comments generally contain correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling; the prose is easy to follow, precise, and clear; the comments avoids both vagueness and redundancy.</p>				
<p>Assignment requirements The comments respond at least once to the video’s content. The comments respond at least once to a classmate’s comment.</p>				