

Concert Response Essay

Due at the final exam (Date TBA)

Online reference: www.drjonesmusic.me/concert-response-essay-fall-2017

When you hand in your essay, staple together in order:

- 1) Grading rubric – include your name and section # (either J2 or C3A)
- 2) Your concert response essay
- 3) Concert program

Attend a classical-music concert and write a 1- to 2-page reflection describing the **one thing** you found to be the most interesting or surprising aspect of the experience. Use at least one concrete, specific example to support your description. Attach the program from your concert to your essay.

The concert you attend must be of classical music (the kind of music we study in class). A list of suggested concerts is available on the class website. If you find another concert that you would rather attend, you must email me and get permission to attend that concert.

Formatting.

- 12-point font
- 1-inch margins
- Double spaced
- One- to two-page essay (no fewer than one, no more than two pages)
- Do not include a heading
- The essay should have a creative, descriptive, and enticing title
- The program from the concert must be stapled to your essay

Concert Response Essay Rubric (staple to your essay)

Student: _____

Section: _____

	Strong	Good	O.K.	Weak
<p>Title The title is engaging, accurate, avoids clichés, and is not too long.</p>				
<p>Critical Thinking The essay is insightful rather than vague or superficial; the essay goes beyond the superficial by thoughtfully incorporating comparison, contrast, and/or synthesis; the essay addresses the implication of the ideas under consideration.</p>				
<p>Support The essay uses specific examples that are interesting, relevant, specific, sufficient, and directly connected to the main idea; any musical examples are accurately described.</p>				
<p>Structure The essay remains focused on a single main idea and presents a logical flow of supporting ideas; the essay avoids straying or meandering. Separate introduction and conclusion paragraphs are not necessary</p>				
<p>Use of technical vocabulary The essay uses discipline-specific vocabulary appropriately and accurately.</p>				
<p>Written Skill The essay is well-organized and generally contains correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling; the essay demonstrates appropriate and effective word choice and style; the prose is easy to follow, precise, and clear; the essay avoids both vagueness and redundancy.</p>				
<p>Requirements The essay adheres to the requirements of prompt (length, format, number of examples, and kinds of examples).</p>				