

Concert Response Essay #1

Due: October 16

On Friday, October 13, you'll attend a concert performed by the Purchase Conservatory Orchestra. After going to the concert, write a 1-page essay in which you describe the one thing you found to be the most interesting or surprising aspect of the experience. This could be anything: something in the music, something you saw in the room, a smell, how people behaved...

Make sure you describe a specific example from the concert—be as specific, vivid, and precise as possible. AND say why you think the details that you noticed mattered. For example, did you learn something new about concerts, music, or the orchestra? Or, did you learn something about yourself as a musician?

Finally, give your essay a title that shows what you're going to talk about in an exciting way.

Concert Responses Essay – Rubric (staple to the front of your draft)

Student: _____ Section: _____

Title	Strong	Good	O.K.	Weak	Points: ____/10
A strong/good title is engaging, accurate, avoids clichés, and is not too long.					
Structure	Strong	Good	O.K.	Weak	Points: ____/10
A strong/good essay presents a logical flow of ideas and avoids straying or meandering; a strong/good paragraph remains focused on a single main idea, and all sentences within a paragraph support its main idea.					
Use of technical vocabulary	Strong	Good	O.K.	Weak	Points: ____/10
A strong/good essay uses discipline-specific vocabulary appropriately and accurately.					
Written skill	Strong	Good	O.K.	Weak	Points: ____/10
A strong/good essay is well-organized and generally contains correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling; a strong/good essay demonstrates appropriate and effective word choice and style; in a strong/good essay, the prose is easy to follow, precise, and clear; a strong/good essay avoids both vagueness and redundancy; a good/strong essay avoids inaccuracies; a strong/good essay analyzes rather than summarizes.					
Concert experience: Critical Thinking	Strong	Good	O.K.	Weak	Points: ____/10
A strong/good essay addresses this question in a way that is insightful rather than vague or superficial; a strong/good essay goes beyond the superficial by thoughtfully incorporating comparison, contrast, and/or synthesis; a strong/good essay addresses the implication of the ideas under consideration.					
Concert experience: Support	Strong	Good	O.K.	Weak	Points: ____/10
A strong/good essay uses a specific example to support this prompt question that are interesting, relevant, specific, sufficient, and directly connected to the main idea; strong/good examples support your argument explicitly; any musical examples are accurately described.					

Total points ____/50

Letter grade: _____