

So you missed a Vocal Arts Class/Event? What do you do!?

Please choose one of the topics below to write an essay about. Single-Spaced, 12 point Times New Roman Font, and 1" Margins] Headings should include: (Line 1) Your Name; (Line 2) Teachers Name; (Line 3) Class Name; (Line 4) Date.

Missed a class? 500 words **Missed a(n) concert/event? 1000 words**

Topics: choose ONE per absence

1. Comparison of Classical music versus Modern Music.
2. Why is music important?
3. Describe why the study of music helps you better in other subjects in school.
4. Compare Mozart and Vaughn Williams using similarities and differences.
5. Describe your favorite classical era composer and why.
6. Describe your favorite romantic era composer and why.
7. Describe your favorite baroque era composer and why.
8. Describe your favorite modern era composer and why.
9. What is your favorite type of music and why? Include examples
10. If you could learn to play any instrument, which one would you choose and why?
11. Who is your favorite singer? Describe why you enjoy their music.
12. Music and emotions run hand in hand. Describe a time when music helped you get through a tough time.
13. Music can be used to really get people excited and focus on a task. Describe a time when you noticed that music was used this way.
14. Mozart was a child prodigy. This means that when he was a child he had extraordinary talent and skills. If you could be child prodigy, what skills would you like to have? Why?
15. Sometimes music reminds of events that have happened in our lives. Describe a time when music reminded you a funny time in your life.
16. Unfortunately, some schools are not as lucky as we are to have music classes that meet every week. Some schools have lost music class all together! Think about the reasons that it is important to have music in our school. Write a persuasive paragraph about this topic.
17. What great book do you think should be turned into a song? Describe the kind of song it should be. (happy, sad, rap music, country music, fast/slow, etc...)
18. You are an amazing inventor and you have been asked to create a musical instrument that can be used under the water! Introduce your new instrument in a paragraph and then draw a sketch of what your instrument might look like below it.

19. If you could audition for American Idol, what song would you choose? Describe how your audition would go.
20. Oh no! You have the Rock and Roll Flu! You can only speak in song titles! Write a short play (with two or more characters) in which your character only speaks in song titles.
21. Music gives us a voice for our patriotism. What is your favorite patriotic song? Why?
22. What makes a hit song? Describe 3 hit songs you like, and describe why you believe they have become a hit song.
23. Rewrite the lyrics to 2 versus of a favorite song. Describe why your lyrics are more suitable than the original lyrics. Why do you think the song writer originally wrote those lyrics?
24. What makes a choir sound good? (posture, dynamics, blending, the people, etc.)
25. Compare and contrast 3 different cultures types of music. Explain why you like or dislike these cultures music.
26. Describe your thoughts and feelings on Holiday music. Include at least 3 different holidays and the music we sing/listen too on them, and why or why note we should continue these traditions.
27. If you were about to spend a year all alone on a deserted island and could bring only one piece of music with you, what would you bring and why? Once you were on the island what type of music could you create using only natural items found on the island. [Natural items would include trees, plants, shrubs, and water]
28. If you were to compare yourself to a musical instrument, which instrument would you be and why?
29. Pick a season of the year. Which musical instrument or songs do you associate with that season and why?
30. Which is more important to you - having the ability to read music and play the notes, or being able to play "by hear," without notes? Why?