

Music Paper

Due: December 16, 2011

Will not accept late work.

Choose one topic of your choice from what you have learned from the first four (4) lessons.

1) The new World (Beginnings- 1763)

*Native American flute

- a. Name two ways in which Native American music is unique.
- b. Although today's young Native Americans enjoy modern music, the music of their ancestors still live on. Why do you think this is so?

2) Creating A Nation 1754 – 1816)

*Fife & Snare

- a. For use in war, drums were fitted with snares to make their sound brighter so they could be heard from greater distances. Why do you think the fife was suited for battle: What type of sound would a small metal instrument make?
- b. Colonial soldiers didn't have the resources and strong training of the British troops, but they certainly didn't lack wit and intelligence. Why do you think their insulting revision of the words to "Yankee Doodle" proved to be an important psychological weapon against the British?

3) The Young Republic (1816 – 1850)

*Fiddle

- a. Why did enslaved Africans have difficulty retaining their individual tribal dance traditions?
- b. What other types of problems may have arisen as a result of the mixing together of Africans from many different regions?

4) The Crisis of Union (1848 – 1877)

*Banjo

- a. The bugle played music that gave signals to Civil War soldiers about how to behave in certain situations. Describe a few musical sounds we hear in our daily lives that signal to us how and when to do something.
- b. During the Civil War, soldiers played music in camps to soothe their homesickness and general discomfort. Have you ever listened to or played music to cheer yourself up? Give examples of these times, and explain how listening to music can change your mood.

Your choices are either a musical instrument listed above, you will need to provide the history of that instrument and it's uses during that particular time period.

Or, you may choose one of the questions and answer it.

Papers are to be typed, double spaced, with correct spelling and vocabulary, and should be 1 page long. Please ask your English teacher and your Technology teacher to assist you.

Email your papers to me no later than December 16, 2011. **I WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY PAPERS AFTER THAT DATE.**

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