

**Music Appreciation/Theory
Course Syllabus
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Course Description: Survey and comparison of the styles, characteristics, composers, and performers of music throughout history with an emphasis on Western music. Recorded examples included.

Materials: 3-ring binder, loose-leaf notebook paper, and pen and pencils. It is highly recommended that students expose themselves to music other than what they are used to. I recommend any National Public Radio (NPR) station on the 80's end of the FM radio dial.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the basic elements of music as they pertain to the examples studied,
2. Recognize a variety of musical genres (styles) from Western cultures and place them in a historical context,
3. Identify significant composers, performers, works, and musical characteristics exemplary of each style period, and
4. Express the various roles of music in Western cultures both past and present.

Course Requirements:

Unit Tests upon completion of each style period

Writing Assignment and Quizzes

Final Exam (exam week is to-be-announced)

Presentation:

Each student will present an oral report on a topic from a style period. All topics must have prior approval from the instructor. Oral presentations will be approximately 5 minutes with outlined handouts for the rest of the class (instructor will make copies if necessary). The use of powerpoint software, bibliographies, and discographies are accepted and encouraged.

Grading: Grading will be based on the "Course Objectives" and "Course Requirements" listed above. Students are responsible for all in class lectures, handouts, and other in class work. Tests and quizzes will be based from material found in class lectures and handouts. Extra credit can be received if the student attends/assists with any CCHS musical performance that the student is not already required to attend/assist. To receive that credit, the student must have Mr. Roach sign their program.