

# Music Appreciation

Mr. Johnson

2019-2020

## Objective

The goal of this class is to delve into the huge impact music plays in our everyday lives. Through the study of the development of various genres and styles to the emotional impact of individual songs, we will assess how and why music is universal to the human experience.

## Grading

The final grade for this class will be derived from students: completing projects and research in a timely and thorough manner, participation in class discussions, fulfilling the requirements of various presentations, and adhering to the classroom rules.

## Grading Breakdown

Bigfork Middle School Grading Scale:

100%-90% - A

89%-80% - B

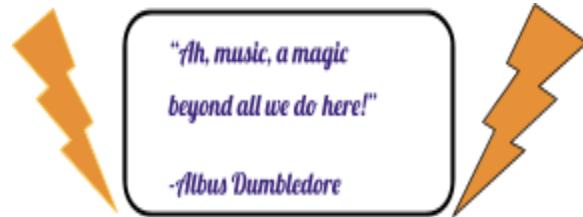
79%-70% - C

69%-60% - D

59%-lower - F

"Without music, life would be a mistake"

-Friedrich Nietzsche



## Description of Class

This course will explore music from a largely academic perspective outside of the production of music. That said, the students will be tasked with the creation of an instrument as well as the curation of existing music to better understand the world of music from various perspectives. Students will investigate and research genres and artists unfamiliar to them as well as their favorites in order to inform the class as a whole why these artists and genres are significant to the world of music.

## Make up work

If you miss a class, YOU are responsible for checking the whiteboard for information about activities and work you may have missed. Ask your peers for clarification of directions before or after class. If you need additional help from Mr. Johnson, please arrange to come in during lunch, or before or after school, DO NOT INTERRUPT class time.

- All assignments, quizzes, tests or projects are due ONE DAY AFTER YOUR ABSENCE. Quizzes and tests must be redone outside of class.

## Electronics Policy

Cell phones and personal computers may be used only with teacher permission. Cell phones should not even be on your desk (because they are so tempting) without teacher permission. If you need to call a parent, or if you have a personal situation going on that requires immediate communication just let me know and I will allow you to use my phone. You may not wear headphones in my classroom unless you specifically ask and are granted permission from me. If a phone or other electronic device is being used outside the scope and purpose of the class without the teacher's permission, the device will be confiscated and very well might end up with a selfie of Mr. Johnson, which no one wants.

## Parental Permission

Due to the requisite need to listen to the music of various genres and artists to fulfill course objectives this class will involve music that expresses emotions and circumstances of difficult life experiences. Outside of parental advisory warnings and explicit labels, the music industry is largely unrated. I will listen to any and every song before it is played in class to assess its appropriateness as well as veto any music that comes with the above mentioned labels.

Please initial below to indicate your permission for your student to partake in class procedures as described here.

I give my student permission to listen to music that passes music industry's and Mr. Johnson's standards.

I DO NOT give my student permission to listen to music that passes music industry's and Mr. Johnson's standards.

"Music is what tells us that the human race is greater than we realize."

-Napoléon Bonaparte

I have read the above and understand the expectations reviewed. **Please sign and return the Parental Permission and Contract to Mr. Johnson by Monday, September 9th, 2019.**

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Parent or Guardian Name  
Student Name

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Parent or Guardian Signature  
Student Signature

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**PARENT OR GUARDIAN EMAIL**  
Date  
(\*Please provide your most used email address.  
Thanks!)

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