

PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BAND & CHORUS

MISSED PERFORMANCE MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENT

Be very specific and complete. A concert performance represents weeks of work, and your make-up Assignment should reflect the same effort and attention to detail.

General Guidelines

- All make-up assignments are due within one week of the missed performance(s).
- There is a separate make-up assignment for each performance missed.
- If no assignment is submitted, a "zero" will be entered for that performance.
- Students should be sure that all text is in their own words and is edited for sentence structure, punctuation, and spelling.
- Be sure to present a clearly defined and well-researched topic.
- Assignment may be submitted as a hard-copy, or e-mailed to your music teacher.
- Due date is one week from date of performance.

- All papers MUST BE TYPED. No handwritten pages will be accepted.

Assignment Option One

- Research one of the pieces performed in your band/chorus this past school year.
- Things to include:
 - Information about the composer or arranger.
 - Elements of musical style, form, melody, rhythm or technique.
 - History of the piece. Was it commissioned by another school? Where was the first performance? Was it influenced by another piece of music, or another style of music? Etc.
- Needs to be at least 2 pages in length (not including cover page).
- Separate cover page with name, date, and missed-performance date.

Assignment Option Two

- Research a composer who lived between 1800 and 1900 or a current pop musician, and select one specific piece/song by that composer.
- Things to include:
 - Basic biographical information about the composer.
 - History of the selected piece. Where was the first performance? Was it influenced by another piece of music, or another style of music? Etc.
- Needs to be at least 2 pages in length (not including cover page).
- Separate cover page with name, date, and missed-performance date.

Assignment Option Three

- Write a brief essay (at least 2 pages in length) answering the following:
 - How has music affected your life?
 - What are some of the songs that have had the most impact on you?
 - What kind of feelings do these songs create?

Do not choose songs that you like because they “just have a good beat.” Choose music that carries some meaning for your life.

Write about at least three examples and turn them in with recordings of those songs (CD or .mp3 files). They will be returned.

- Needs to be at least 2 pages in length (not including cover page).
- Separate cover page with name, date, and missed-performance date.

Please use the following format for your cover page:

Band & Chorus Make-up Assignment

Student Name:

Today's Date:

Date of Missed Performance:

Which performance is this making up for?