

8th Grade Expository Paper in Music

Each student will write a paper on the following topic:

- Choose a figure in music that is **no longer alive**. Describe **why they are important** to you and to other people. Give a **brief biography** of their life including birthplace and time, deathplace and time, where they learned about music, whether their parents were musical, whether they had a family, and how they became famous.

Paper Length:

- **at least** one page long
- typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font. (Students may turn in handwritten papers with special permission from the teacher.)
- **Sources:** You must get your information from at least **three different sources**, internet or otherwise, to write this paper. **Wikipedia is okay** for one source. **Answers.com and other answer-sites are not.**

Due date: One week from now.

A word on plagiarism:

- *Plagiarism is illegal*
- *Plagiarism is pointless.* It's easy to spot.

Grading Rubric

100-90: (1) My paper covers all topics listed in description, (2) is longer than a page, (3) is neat, and has few to no spelling, grammar or punctuation errors, (4) and tells about the 3 or more sources where I got my information.

89-80: My paper has any three of the above four.

79-70: My paper has any two of the above four.

69-60: My paper has any one of the above four.

59-0: My paper has nothing to do with the assignment.