

CONCERT BROADCAST ASSIGNMENT



Concert Make-up Assignment

Write a 2-page news story describing the concert. Your news story should include details about the concert (who is performing, conducting, or accompanying; where and when the concert will take place, etc.). You should also include detailed descriptions of each piece of music on the concert (include only songs you have studied/learned). Include song titles, names of composers, description of the style, and any historical background you know about the pieces.

The story should be 2 full pages, typed and double-spaced. Images may be included in the paper, but will not contribute to the page count.

Be creative in your writing! There are many formats for news. You may write a script to a news broadcast, create the front page of a fictional newspaper, or style your writing after an online blog. So long as you complete the requirements of the assignment, you can be as creative as you like.

Rubric:

Mechanics & Formatting	____/20
<i>(2 pages, typed and double-spaced with good spelling and grammar)</i>	
Concert Information	____/15
<i>(may include: name of ensemble, conductor, concert location & time, ticket prices, length of concert, why readers should attend, etc.)</i>	
Song Titles/Information	____/50
<i>(should include: song titles, composers, genre/styles of music, historical background, meaning/interpretation of the text for each piece of music performed on the concert)</i>	
Creativity & Style	____/15
<i>(creative use of news style; inclusion of images, staging cues, or stylistic formatting)</i>	
TOTAL	____/100

EXAMPLE (Newscast Script):

Newscaster 1: Good evening and welcome to WIDK News 9. In our top story tonight, we uncover the truth about a local politician. But first, a highlight of the arts community.

Newscaster 2: Smith High School choirs are busy preparing for their annual Christmas Concert. Students in all 5 choirs are working hard to make this year's program stand out, and tonight we focus on the school's top ensemble, the Concert Choir.

Newscaster 1: That's right, the 88-voice ensemble under the direction of Mr. Joe Henry will present a variety of songs on their December 12th program. We go to senior correspondent, Mary Malloy, for more information.

Mary: Thanks, guys. I'm here with SHS students Kelly and Patrick, long-time members of the Concert Choir. Kelly, what can you tell us about this year's concert?

Kelly: Well, we've all been working really hard. Mr. Henry has picked some difficult music for us this year, so yeah...it's a lot of hard work.

Mary: What has been the most challenging piece for the group?

Kelly: "The Wassail Song" by Vaughn Williams.

Mary: And why is that?

Kelly: Well, it has 8 parts and they all enter at different times so you have to know exactly when to come in. Its also an old song and most of us had never heard it before, so that makes it difficult too.

Mary: Now, Patrick, I understand you have a favorite song that you'll be performing on Thursday. Can you tell us a little about it?

Patrick: Yeah, its called "African Noel" and it's an a cappella piece that all the choirs are singing together. I like it because there are no instruments at all so it showcases the amazing voices we have at our school. It isn't a native African piece, but it represents the style and tradition of African music because it doesn't use piano accompaniment. And it's just been a lot of fun learning the song too.

Etc.