

Vista Murrieta High School
Instrumental Music Department Concert Summary Report

Concert Reports—How to.....

- For full credit, you must turn in a program or other paper **signed** by a musician or usher who performed or worked at the concert you attended.

- Your concert report should be typed, Minimum 1 page, maximum 2 pages, double spaced, with 12-point font—Arial or Times New Roman font only.

- If it helps to get the ball rolling, think of this assignment as a concert review for a newspaper or music magazine. **Form:**
 - Paragraph 1 should describe the basic info about the performance:
 - Date of performance
 - Location
 - Name of ensemble performing
 - Instruments used
 - Genre (how they would describe themselves), etc.

 - Middle paragraph(s) should describe 2-3 pieces performed. If a multi-movement work is performed (a symphony, a sonata), you may limit your report to describing each of those movements. Write about:
 - Name, composer
 - Play by play—describe the melody, describe the soloists, describe the texture (check out the first few chapters in your textbook for correct terminology)
 - Quality of each piece performed (you can also save this for last paragraph)

 - Closing paragraph: summary. Give your opinion of the group performing, particular soloists, or particular tunes/pieces. What did you learn from the experience?

 - Tone—Please use “academic” language. It is not necessary to be extremely formal, but I want you to make clear observations about what you see and hear. Write about what you hear **AS IT RELATES TO WHAT WE’VE LEARNED IN CLASS.**

- Your grade will be based on your participation in the assignment and quality of the report. For an “A” grade, your report should focus on musical observations. Your writing should be clear, descriptive, and free of awkward writing and errors. Papers should be well-*revised*. No first drafts, please. If writing college-level papers is not your strong suit, I suggest working with someone at the Writing Center in the LRC or with one of our fabulous English teachers here at Vista Murrieta.