

# “A” Grade Effort Report

**ASSIGNMENT:** Research paper about the development, history, and evolution of your instrument.

**FORMAT:** Papers must be typed and double-spaced. Papers should be at least six pages in length (not counting title page and bibliography). Include your handwritten notes after the essay. A bibliography must be included after the notes.

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS:** Bibliography must follow MLA format, at least two different TYPES of sources for the research (internet, encyclopedia, book, periodical) must be used. **YOU MAY NOT USE WIKIPEDIA.** There are several music books in the school library that can help you. Your notes taken from source materials **MUST BE INCLUDED.** Do NOT copy the source material word for word. Only jot down facts you want to include and site your source.

**DUE:** Friday, December 6th, 2019. You may turn it in any time before then if you like.

**GRADE:** This will count for your “A” Grade Effort.

**PURPOSE:** To give students an opportunity to learn about their instrument.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

You will be graded on your use of capitalization, punctuation, sentence structure, organization and spelling. **Papers that are plagiarized will receive a grade of zero. Taking someone else’s words and changing a few of them is still plagiarism.** Take notes on the material you want to include and create your paper from those notes. **You must turn in your notes or your paper will receive a grade of zero.** Just printing out web pages does not count. Notes must be written by you, not copied from the text.

Papers will be graded as follows:

<b>Requirements:</b>	<b>Scoring</b>					<b>Points</b>
Separate sheets(s) with notes taken from source material	-100		5		10	= _____
Format requirements followed	1	2	3	4	5	= _____
Bibliography included (use 2 different <b>types</b> of sources) DO NOT USE WIKIPEDIA.COM	1	2	3	4	5	= _____
One composition’s importance discussed in detail	1	2	3	4	5	x 4 = _____
Interesting information about the instrument	1	2	3	4	5	x 4 = _____
Use of capitalization, punctuation and spelling	1	2	3	4	5	x 3 = _____
Appropriate structure in sentences	1	2	3	4	5	x 2 = _____
Specific, vivid word choice	1	2	3	4	5	= _____
Good organization of ideas	1	2	3	4	5	x 2 = _____

Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Letter Grade: \_\_\_\_\_