

Western Hills High School

Piano Class Writing Assignment

Below is the prompt for your Arts and Humanities portfolio assignment this semester. This assignment will be forwarded to your English teacher for inclusion in your writing folder. Please keep this in mind when preparing your assignment.

For your writing, consider your audience, development of your ideas, organization, appropriate sentence structure, grammar, word choice, and punctuation. Please do more than one draft of this paper. We do not want to see “draft” quality work. Refine this work prior to turning it in.

Your writing assignment **MUST** be at least **4 paragraphs, typed, double-spaced, in a 12 point, traditional font**. A bibliography of sources must be included in correct bibliographic form. See Mrs. Marsh for a sample of correct bibliographic citation. **Wikipedia is not an acceptable website to gain information.*

Draft due: Tuesday, April 30th

The writing assignment is due: Monday, May 6th

Piano Class Program Notes

You are to write a program note for each of your two spring recital pieces. A program note is a written sample that explains to the audience the piece they are about to hear.

Things to include:

- Background information on the composer
- History of the song
- General information about the composition such as: key, length of composition, use of hands, etc.
- **SEVEN (7)** music elements must be addressed on how they are used throughout the piece: melody, harmony, rhythm, tempo, meter, dynamics and form.

Since your program note will be written for publication our spring recital program, the writing should be in with appropriate grammar and punctuation. Ensure your writing is professional. Consider your audience and ensure it has appropriate language, form, and content. A bibliography of sources **MUST** accompany your notes.