

Date Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Stevenson High School: Instrumental Music Program  
Concert/Festival Absence Make-up Assignment**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hour \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Please pick one of the following options below and complete the corresponding essay. Students will be given **3 weeks** to complete this assignment. For performances that take place at the end of a grading period, student will receive an "I" (Incomplete) on their report card until the assignment is completed. When the assignment is turned in the grade will be changed on the student's transcript. If the assignment is not turned in time period allotted the grade will also be changed to what it would be with the zero for the performance.

**Option #1:** Attend an instrumental concert outside of Stevenson and write a 300 word typed **formal** essay about the experience. In your essay please write about at least 3 of the selections performed and what you thought of them. Please don't just write about the quality of the performance/performers, I'm more interested in hearing about the quality and types of music that were performed. With this option **please include a copy of the program** from the performance signed by the director. Some great options for finding a vocal music performance are local area schools, churches, community centers, or the Macomb Center. If you would like help finding something please see Mr. Sekich. If the performance you choose it outside of the 3 week window an extension can be granted, just ask!

**Option #2:** Get a video or audio copy of the performance you missed and write a 400 word typed **formal** essay about the show. Your essay should include your thoughts on the overall performance of any and all groups that performed. Also pick one piece that was performed and write about why you enjoyed it over the other selections. Be prepared to answer questions from Mr. Sekich about the performance when you hand in the assignment so we know that you actually watched/listened to the performance. Please note that the Stevenson Bands do not have our concerts professionally videoed, so finding someone (a parent/etc.) that did is on you. Please include the cited source of your audio/video in the opening paragraph of the essay.

**Option #3:** Interview someone that attended or performed in the concert you missed. Come up with 10 questions that you could ask them about the performance. For your questions keep the focus on the musical aspects of the show. You can ask about the performance as a whole, the individual selections, the different performing groups, or other questions of a musical nature. Compare and contrast their answers to how you thought the music was going to go, or what you thought of the selections. For instance, if your interview subject enjoyed a piece that you didn't, compare/contrast the different reasons why you both think differently. For this option please write a 400 word **formal** essay about the answers to your interview questions. Please also include the following:

- 1.) A typed copy of the questions with the person you interviewed answers written down. Please include that person's name as well
- 2.) Record the interview (audio is fine) and send the file to Mr. Sekich via email.