

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Music Journal Entries Due: _____

1. Imagine you are writing a book about your favorite musician or composer. Think of a creative title for the book, and explain why that title is appropriate.

2. Often jazz performers get together in a group for a “jam session,” improvising fresh new music as they go along. Describe the qualities and abilities a person needs in order to improvise in a jam session.

3. Imagine you are writing an animated movie in which musical instruments are characters. Select an instrument and describe the personality it will have in your film.

4. Pitch is a term that refers to the high or low quality of a sound (not to be confused with loudness). List five musical instruments and five everyday sounds that typically have a high pitch. Do you feel that pitch affects the “pleasantness” of sounds? Explain.

5. What are the differences between classical music and popular music?

6. Describe the music you would select to be played at the award ceremony for “Musician of the Year.”

7. Folk music is the “music of the people.” Songs such as “Oh, Susanna” and “She’ll be Comin’ Round the Mountain” tell of people’s way of life. Think of a folk song you know, and create a new verse for it.

8. Describe your feeling when you have successfully sung or played a piece of music.

9. Recall music you have heard that caused you to laugh. What characteristics of the music caused your laughter?
