

## Wildcat Chorus Make-Up/Extra Credit Assignment

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

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

Respond to **ONE** of the following writing prompts in approximately 250 words (about 1 typed page, double-spaced, 12-point font). You may type or hand-write your response. If you choose to hand-write your response, please circle your chosen topic and include this cover page. Your response must be completely legible to receive credit. If you choose to type your response, be sure to include your name, the date, and the topic at the top of your response. You may turn in a hard-copy of your response or e-mail it to [mperdue@rossvalleyschools.org](mailto:mperdue@rossvalleyschools.org). A full-credit response will be of appropriate length and will demonstrate serious thought regarding the topic. You may receive a maximum of 5 points for each response.

1. Most people have strong feelings for certain types of music. The easy availability of radios, mp3 players, CD players, and computers enables most people to hear music almost every day. In addition, many people enjoy playing their own instruments or singing in order to create their own music. Others just enjoy music as a background. What role does music play in your life?
2. You've been struck by lightning and have suddenly developed the gift to compose music without having to learn all about writing and reading music. What kind of music do you want to write? What would your first song be called? What feelings will it portray? What type of group will play it? Do you have a specific group or singer in mind?
3. What piece of music would you choose as your own personal "theme song"? Why?
4. Sometimes composers write music for special people in their lives. If you could write a song and dedicate it to one person, whom would you pick? Why? What will this music sound like?
5. Describe a world without ANY music. What sounds do you hear? Is the world better or worse now?
6. Have you ever downloaded music from the Internet? Do you believe music should be something you pay for or should always get free? Why?
7. If you could hang out with any composer or musician, living or dead, who would you pick? What would you do? What questions would you ask him/her?

8. What singer or group would you label as "America's #1 Music artist"? Why? How would you honor this person?
9. Your favorite teacher is retiring this year. Pick a song that you would like the school band or choir to perform on their last day as a "thank you". If you can't think of a specific song, describe what kind of a song you would be looking for: what is the song about, does it sound happy/sad, it is slow/fast, is it in major/minor, etc.
10. Pick a song that describes your best friend. Why is this song appropriate?
11. What kind of music do your parents listen to? Do you like any of it? Why or why not?
12. You have been elected President of the United States and have been asked to pick a new National Anthem. What do you choose? Why?
13. Music and emotions run hand in hand. Describe a time when music helped you get through a tough time.
14. Unfortunately, some schools are not as lucky as we are to have music classes that meet every week. Some schools have lost music class all together! Think about the reasons that it is important to have music in our school. Write a persuasive response about this topic.
15. If you could audition for American Idol, what song would you choose? Describe how your audition would go.
16. Oh no! You have the Rock and Roll Flu! You can only speak in song titles! Write a short play (with two or more characters) in which your character only speaks in song titles.