

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Arts and Communication Department

History of Rock Music: Honors – MUS 107H, Section H Spring 2021 Prof. Mark Strunsky

PAPER ASSIGNMENT

- Students are required to view a video recording of a live musical performance and submit a written reaction to this experience.
1. In the first part of your paper, identify the video you have selected. Provide the title, performer(s), composer(s), performance date and location, producer, publisher, and other pertinent information. Then describe the concert scene, performers, audience, and your experience of the performance. **[20%]**
 2. Next discuss the music itself. Keep in mind the musical elements studied in class (rhythm, form, melody, harmony, timbre, dynamics, texture, and text) and apply your knowledge of these elements and the musical terminology used in describing them. The best approach is to analyze thoroughly between two and four contrasting pieces of music performed. It would be helpful to take notes while watching and listening. **[35%]**
 3. Finally, follow up your viewing experience by doing some research on the music you heard and/or the person or people who created it. Consider factors such as historical, biographical, cultural, sociological, or stylistic background. Make use of and cite at least one appropriate outside source (*not* Wikipedia!). **[25%]**

GUIDELINES:

- Your paper should be four to five typewritten pages in length, double spaced, size 12 font.
- Your paper must be created in Microsoft Word, Google Docs, or as a PDF and submitted as an email attachment. Email mark.strunsky@sunyorange.edu
- Do not analyze any song discussed in class.
- The quality of your writing will affect your grade. Take care with spelling, grammar, editing, and the overall presentation of your work. **[20%]**
- Document all outside sources using in-text reference notes and a works cited page adhering to standard MLA style.
- Be sure to present your paper including your name, my name, the name, number and section of the course, and the due date.

PAPER DUE: Monday, April 12, 2021.

LATE PAPERS WILL BE PENALIZED TEN POINTS EACH CALENDAR DAY.