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4th Period Day 1

Music Journal

Musical Journaling:

What makes YOU a good musician?

(Special thanks to Ms. Chiang for sharing this assignment)

Prompt: In 7-9 sentences, think about how YOU would make a good musician. What are some things you would do to improve your skills/talents? What are some things you would contribute to the world as an artist? What kind of music would you write and/or create, and what kind of message do you want the audience to know? What kind of image do you want the audience and/or world to perceive you in?

Grammar and spelling will be counted toward your grade!

I think I would make a good musician by finding my own niche and the playing styles I most enjoy. I would do this by learning to play all different kinds of music and seeing which ones I find the most enjoyable to play. In order to improve my skills/talents, I would practice new playing techniques and styles of playing with other musicians from those same genres. As an artist, I want to make music that expresses different emotions and conveys different feelings. In order to be a versatile musician and convey those different emotions, you must have those different playing styles under your belt first. As a musician, I would probably want to create music that is in the middle of being tranquil and lively, like New York jazz. With a lot of New York jazz, you can hear the feeling in the different instrumentalists' sound while still maintaining tranquility in their tone. As an artist, I want to tell stories about life and portray the narratives of people feeling blue and black on their sad days and tickled pink on their happy days. I think that, as a musician, I want my audience to perceive me based on the energy of the music I put out, because the music should also reflect how you feel. I want to be seen as a creative artist who uses the sounds around her to create stories about everyday people living their everyday lives, but in a way that stands out. I want my music to be impactful and help people gain a new perspective on life and I want to be seen as the person to help instill those ideas in the minds of people all around the world.