

Choir Summer Assignment 2020

Option A:

Choir Art! Future choir students need your help! The only things to look at in my classroom are grey walls and a whiteboard : (So, we need students who can create beautiful artwork!

Here is what we need:

1. Pick a skill/concept that we learned in class
 - a. For example: rhythms, or reading solfege, or composing music, or singing techniques
2. Make a picture/poster explaining how that skill or concept works!
 - a. What information does a new student need?
 - b. What would help you get good grades on your assignments?
3. Make it beautiful (and school appropriate)
4. Sign your name at the bottom!

When we come back to school next school year, bring me your art! I will pick winners from what you bring in, and those winners will live forever on the classroom wall! ***Be famous for all eternity!***

Option B:

Create a Song! (this will be easier for 7th graders, but 6th graders are definitely welcome to try it). You can do this project by yourself or with a friend, but now that you know *how* to write music, why not come up with an original song!?

You can use the strategies we learned in class, but you don't have to! There are many ways to write music, and I only gave you some simple rules to make the process more clear. Write your song by yourself, or with a friend (melody and harmony would be awesome), and then see if you can record a final version by the end of the summer!

I recommend approaching the composition this way (but you do not have to do it like this):

1. Create a melody that you like (either just by singing something that sounds good, or by writing it down).
2. Write down that melody in solfege (especially if your going to create a harmony)
3. Try to figure out your harmony (if you make tons of jumps between notes in your harmony, it's going to be hard to sing and might sound... a little strange)
4. Experiment with the harmony. You may find options in the harmony that 'follow the rules', but that don't sound good. Experiment with different notes until you find something that works.
5. Free music notation software is your friend. You might try downloading MuseScore, for example.

Have fun, be creative, and find something that sounds good! Then record yourselves singing it!