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Current Perspectives in Music Summer Reading Assignment

Please contact Ms. Clark – mnclark@aacps.org if you have any questions.

There are two parts to the assignment. Be sure to complete both I and II.

For this assignment, you will need to read 2 articles. One of them will be given to you, and the second one you will choose. Make sure you do BOTH sections of the summer reading.

I. Read the following article:

Music Goes Global - TIME

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1000765,00.html?artId=1000765?contType=article?chn=us>

- a. Summarize the article.
- b. What music are you familiar with that has become a hybrid of music from around the world? Give specific examples of songs or genres that you know and what kind of music is combined to for them.
- c. What advances in the 21st century have made “World Music” possible?
- d. What advances in the 21st century make “World Music” popular and available?
- e. Do you believe that music is a universal language? Why or why not?
- f. Describe what the author meant by these two statements:

“There's a sense that geography doesn't have to equal destiny.” (3rd page)

“Is a sense of cultural uniqueness lost in the global-pop blender?” (4th page)

- g. What do you find most interesting about Music’s Global Marketplace that you hadn’t considered before?

II. Choose one of the articles below and TYPE the answers to the questions below

<http://www.alokli.com/site/articles/articles.html> - Dance Clubs of West Africa (or choose another PDF file)

<http://oq.oxfordjournals.org/reports/mfr1.dtl> Great Opera scenes and interviews with stars

<http://www.world-newspapers.com/music.html> Find a magazine article about any type of music you love

<http://musicaltheatre.suite101.com/articles.cfm> Musical Theatre articles

<http://journal.music-in-education.org/> See how music educators are struggling to keep music in schools

1. What was the title of the article you chose?
2. In the Current Music class we will be exploring all types of music and culture and how humans communicate with sound. Based on the article you read, what role does music play in the human experience?
3. Based on your article, how does music help to explain culture?

Please print out a copy of your article and bring it to

Due typed on the first day of class.