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Piano Summer Reading Assignment

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

Using a music related website, find an article about a famous pianist, past or present. Be sure your article is an appropriate length- it should be at least 2 pages. The article needs to include information about the artist's PIANO background specifically, not just a concert they have coming up or an unrelated interview.

***You may need to find multiple articles to answer all of the questions!**

Here are some suggestions to get your started.

Regina Spektor

Sir Elton John

Norah Jones

Billy Joel

Ben Folds

Jerry Lee Lewis

Jamie Cullum

Scott Joplin

Ray Charles

many more...

Scott Joplin

Print the article(s) and TYPE the following questions.

1. What is the article about? Is it from a reliable source?
2. What does the article say about the background (musically) of the artist? If you can't find this information, LOOK FOR ANOTHER ARTICLE.
3. Who were their influences? What did they do before they became famous?
4. What sort of music is this artist known for?
5. What are some of the notable works that the artist is known for?
6. Name 3-4 more interesting facts about this artist related to their music. Make sure you cite all of your sources.
7. Why are you taking piano class this semester?