

GMS Music Research Project

Directions: You will choose a current artist or favorite artist to research during this unit. At the end of this unit, you will present to the class by just speaking or showing a power point presentation.

Your goal is to answer the following questions about your artist:

- Birth/Death
 - Where?
 - When?
- Childhood and Growing Up
 - Did anything interesting happen to him/her during their childhood?
 - Who were their parents? What did they do?
 - What kind of home did they live in?
- Personal Life
 - Did they marry? Who? Where did they live?
 - Did they have any hobbies?
- Professional Life
 - What genre are they considered to be a part of?
 - Explain what characteristics go along with that genre?
 - What are some of their well-known songs/compositions?
 - What made them famous? A song? A performance? New type of song?
 - Have they been nominated for any awards? If so, what awards?
 - Have they won any awards and if so, what awards?
- What makes them so special?
 - Explain what makes you want to listen to their music

Music Research Guidelines

Researching:

- While researching your artist, you should use at least three different websites or sources to get your information.
- Every day you need to write down and take notes in your paper packet to prove that you were productive that day. If there is no information found, you will not receive participation points for that day.
- Using the internet is an unpredictable thing. If by some chance something inappropriate comes up on your web browser, close out of it immediately. Do not show others and bring attention to yourself. If you are caught looking at or discussing inappropriate things, you will be docked points on this project.
- **USE YOUR OWN WORDS!** Plagiarism is when you steal or borrow someone else's words. When doing your research write things down in your own words and do not copy. It is illegal and will get you docked points on this project.
- Make sure you list somewhere what sources or websites you used to get information.
- Always remember that although you may be researching an artist who's music is not school appropriate, you are still doing a school project and are expected to keep anything and everything that you do in accordance with school rules and policies.

Power Point Presentation: **(ONLY IF THERE IS TIME)**

- Your presentation must be at least 8-10 slides filled with information
- You need to answer as many questions as possible
- Your slides must include some sort of photo of the artist