

MUSIC 265

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POETRY ARRANGEMENT ASSIGNMENT

For this assignment, you will work in a small group to create a poem in the style of the Japanese Haiku tradition. This poem will then be arranged and performed using your choice of classroom instruments. This assignment is worth 10 points.

While traditional Haiku is characterized by a naturalistic theme and a seasonal setting, your Haiku poem will be inspired by a particular color. You will, however, need to adhere to its characteristic 17-syllable structure where the first and last lines are each five syllables and the intervening line contains seven syllables. There is no need to rhyme.

Choose a color (½ point): White				
When you think of your color, what do you				
See? (½ point): Clouds, mist, fog	Smell? (½ point): Freshness, Cleanliness	Hear? (½ point): Stillness, quiet, emptiness	Feel? (½ point): Wetness, dampness	Taste: (½ point): Marshmallows, milk
Title for your Haiku (1 point): The Fog				
A. 5 syllables (1 point): Milky stillness creeps	B. 7 syllables (1 point): The earth bathes neck deep in clouds		C. 5 syllables (1 point): And waits for the sun	
A. Instrumentation (½ point): Slowly descend E minor pentatone on soprano metallophone	B. Instrumentation(½ point): Quiet tremolo on tambourine		C. Instrumentation(½ point): Slowly ascend E minor arpeggio on glockenspiel	
What prompted you to choose this instrument(s), played in this way, for A? (½ point): I wanted a metal sound as it is more resonant. I chose minor because my poem seemed a little spooky. I had this section descend in the way the fog descends.	What prompted you to choose this instrument(s), played in this way, for B? (½ point): I wanted a sound that was both metallic and could be sustained for a long time like a nice long bath.		What prompted you to choose this instrument(s), played in this way, for C? (½ point): I wanted a metal sound as it is more resonant but I wanted it to be less resonant than the metallophone. I had this section ascend in the way the fog lifts.	