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Music Theory Summer Reading Assignment
Ms. Clark

I. This summer I would like you to come up with your own answer to the question "What is music?" based on 3 listening examples and the 3 articles listed.

1. Upon your **first** instinct, how would you define music?

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Read the two articles below.
http://www.resurgence.org/magazine/article2540-What-is-Music.html

http://www.lightbridgemusic.com/power.htm

2. Taking a closer look, can other things than instruments make music? Can a bird? What about metal clanging in a factory? What about the silence of a room? What exactly needs to be present in order for music to be taking place?

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3. In these two articles, did you find anything that she said inflated to overdramatic? Did you share the author's same sentiments? If so, which ones? If not, why not?

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4. Why is music such an essential part of our culture?

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5. What things must be involved for sound to be considered music?

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6. Listen to **atonal music/21st Century music** examples- 3 examples on YouTube.
Write down the title of each that you listened to and comment on them. Did you like them? Who were they by? What did you find interesting? **Do you consider this music? I want to hear details about it!**

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II. Read the following article that defines ***Music Theory***.
http://www.musictheory.halifax.ns.ca/whymusictheory.html

1. What did you learn from this article that you didn't know before?

2. Does anything that Mr. Ewer talked about make you apprehensive about taking music theory class?

III. Please also complete Chapter 1 of the included packet (also found at http://www.gmajormusictheory.org/Fundamentals/workbooks.html) to be prepared for next year.