

# BEGINNER BAND COMPOSITION ASSIGNMENT

**Goal:** To write a piece of music of 8-16 measures.

**Requirements:**

- Using only your **brain and your instrument** write a melody that already exists. Do not make up a melody!!!
- **Do not** copy or download a written piece of music, it must be written by you only! You can use recordings to listen to in order to help you figure it out, but nothing written!
- **Do not use any of the melodies from the beginner band book! Using written melodies (something that you can look at and copy) will result in re-doing the project for a grade no higher than a 70.**
- Follow the composition rules below.

## **Composition Rules**

1. Write neatly on staff paper or use Finale Notepad from your EE book CDs to print out.
2. A clef should be correctly placed at the start of the staff
3. A key signature should be next to the staff sign (where applicable)
4. A time signature should be next to the key signature (careful that bar lines match this!)
5. Place note heads neatly on lines or spaces, be sure to darken in appropriately!
6. Stems need to extend up on the right side and down on the left side
7. Stems should extend 3 lines or spaces from the note head
8. Use bar lines to separate measures, be sure they match the time signature!
9. Use only notes and rhythms that we have learned so far in class.
10. End the music with a double bar line