

Paper Assignment #2: Concert Report

In 5-6 pages (1250-1500 words), 12pt. Times New Roman font, write an essay describing your experience at the Wanting concert. Your paper can address any aspect of the performance but should at a minimum include the following:

- I. Overview of the Event: Who performed? What pieces were performed? Where was the performance venue? What were its physical features? What did the audience look and sound like? How did the audience act during the performance?
- II. Description of the Music: Select three songs that moved you in some way and provide a detailed account of their sounds. What were they called? What were their lyrics about? What were their musical features? How do they seem related or unrelated to music we are discussing in class this semester?
- III. Description of your Response to the Music: For each of the three selections, describe your emotional reactions. How did the music make you feel? What emotions did it evoke? Why do you think you responded the way you did? Were you responding emotionally to the composition or the performance or both?

Before the performance, read the “Guidelines for Participant Observation” handout on course site. It will help you to carry out a careful observation. Be sure to take good notes during the event, as these notes will be the primary resource for your paper.

A word of advice: although your essay isn't due until 3/20/14, the sooner you write this paper, the better it will be. Try to write at least a rough draft within 48 hours of the performance—you'll be glad you did!

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