

A Level Music Summer Task

Write a response to the following four pieces of music:

1. Cecile McLorin Salvant – Sam Jones Blues (*Area of Study 3: Developments in Instrumental Jazz 1910 – Present Day*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsazGpARpNU>

2. Antonio Vivaldi – Gloria in Excelsis Deo (movement I from his larger work, Gloria) (*Area of Study 4: Religious Music of the Baroque Period*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhhYIZJj6rk>

3. Nancy Wilson & Cannonball Adderley – Never Will I Marry (*Area of Study 2: Popular Song, Blues, Jazz and Big Band*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTFEtPXxo0k>

4. Ludwig van Beethoven – String Quartet No. 16 in F, Op. 135 Movement I – Allegretto (*Area of Study 1: The Instrumental Music of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBZD4xXMyLE>

In your response you should refer to:

CONTENT: Talk about the content of the music. How would you describe the melodies, chords and rhythms? How is the piece structured? What is the significance of the lyrics? How do the musicians highlight this? How do the musicians interact with each other in the ensembles? Etc.

MOOD: What is the piece trying to convey? Does it do this successfully – how does it make you feel?

After this, make a note of your favourite piece, explaining what you liked about it and why you preferred it to the other pieces.