

Harlan Rowe Middle School  
2016-2017  
Music 8 Syllabus  
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## Music 8

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

Course Description: Music 8 is course designed to survey music from today back to the birth of Rock and Roll. In our discovery we will consider the effects that culture, world events, and technology have had on each decade. In addition to pop music, we will survey the work of Leonard Bernstein with his classic musical *West Side Story*.

This course is broken into three main units:

Technology's Impact on the Recording Industry  
Popular Music 1990-thru the 2000's  
Popular Music 1980-89

Additionally there will be 4 mini units:

Popular Music of the 1970's  
The Beatles  
Elvis Presley  
West Side Story

**Grading:** The following are a list of assessments that will be given over the duration of the class. Assignments may be added or subtracted depending on the needs of each class.

Assignment	Type	Point Totals
Edison's Phonograph	Quiz	15
History of Sound Recording	Quiz	11
Tesla/ Marconi Radio Controversy	Quiz	4
KDKA and the birth of Radio	Quiz	8
War of the Worlds Broadcast	Quiz	8
The Napster Effect	Quiz	10
iTunes Saves the Industry	Quiz	10
Music Technology Summative	Test	30
Rap/ Hip Hop/ Grunge	Quiz	8
Indie/ Country Pop/ Pop	Quiz	8
R&B/ Brit Pop/ World Events	Quiz	8
1990's Popular Music Test	Test	30

MTV/ Pop Superstars of the 1980's	Quiz	10
On Hit Wonders/ Rap and Hip Hop	Quiz	9
Hair Bands	Quiz	10
New Wave and World Events	Quiz	7
Popular Music of the 1980's	Test	38
Popular Music of the 1970's Mini	Quiz	17
The Beatles 10% Summary	Quiz	15
The Beatles Guided Reading	Quiz	12
Elvis Presley	Quiz	12
West Side Story Film Pack	Quiz	28
	<b>Total Points:</b>	<b>308 Points</b>

### Class Room Rules and Procedures

1. Be on time! Students will only be admitted to class with a valid pass.
2. To use the restroom, you must have an agenda book.
3. All instruments in the room are off limits. These are for band and orchestra use only.
4. Students are not permitted in instrument storage or the practice room.
5. If you are absent you have one day for every day you are absent to make up your missed work.
6. Late work will receive a point deduction or 3 points per day.
7. If you do not do as well as you think you could have, Mr. Panek may give you the opportunity to retake your assessment. Always ask!