

**MUSC 10A Extra Credit:
Music in Life Events**



Music is a central part in many of life's major events—weddings, funerals, birthdays, anniversaries, religious festivals, and political events, to name a few—and for many small quotidian events, such as enjoying a cup of coffee in the morning or having dinner with your loved one.

In this extra credit project you will write an essay of *at least* 750 words (approx. 3 pages) in which you select a life event, choose three (3) pieces of music to accompany it, describe those pieces, and then explain your musical choices. You may choose any life event, but the three pieces of music *must* be drawn from the playlists for the class, and at least one (1) piece of music must be a composition NOT played in class (i.e. a piece that is totally new to you).

Some questions to consider in writing your essay are:

- What is important to you about this life event?
- Why is it important that music is a part of such an event?
- What is important to you about these 3 pieces?
- What are your feelings about each piece? (i.e. why do you like each piece?)
- What are the feelings that you want each of these 3 pieces evoke in your listeners?

Please title your essay, and state your word count at the end in parentheses, i.e. (768). Remember to use a 12-point font, such as double-spaced Times New Roman.

This essay is due at the final, Wednesday Dec. 17 at 7:15 AM