



## Music reviews

What is a musical review? A review is an objective assessment of a musical performance or recording. A reviewer's opinion must be qualified by why they think it is good or bad. Ie

- 1.) I thought it was a bad performance of Beethoven's 5<sup>th</sup> Symphony because it was played too slow and hence lacked the rhythmic drive necessary for a work such as this.
- 2.) Or, I recently went to the 'Cold Play' concert at the Perth Arena and had one of the best night of my life...here's why...
- 3.) I recently purchased the new Taylor Swift album off itunes. Most of it lived up to expectations but there were a few exceptions...

### Your assignment

You are to do a *Review* of a live performance or your favourite CD/ipod playlist. Make sure that it doesn't have more than 15 tracks nor less than 8 as it will make your review a much longer one.

Things to include in your review are;

- Name of Artist
- Name of CD/Tour
- Producer and Record Label
- Who am I reviewing for. Ie West Australian, X-Press etc.
- Catchy Title for your review
- Style of music
- A review of individual tracks. You may for example do a more detailed review of the singles on the album and a more summative review of the other tracks. Ie a paragraph on each on the 3 or 4 tracks and a sentence or two on the rest.
- Subject material of songs (Can be tied in with above)
- Target Audience
- Instrumentation and use of instruments
- Quality of the recording
- A rating either out of 10 or 5 star system