**Diocese of Allentown Writing Prompt**

**Genre: Informative Grade(s): 5-8**

**Trimester Assessment**

You will have 2+ class periods to plan, write, and proofread your response to this writing prompt. Please allow students additional time to complete this prompt, given the need to independently read the article in addition to writing the essay.

**Writing Prompt:**

**Music is an important part of culture and society. How does music play a role in the life someone your age?**

Write a **three to** **five** (*7th and 8th grades are required to write a five paragraph essay)* paragraph essay explaining the three main ways music influences your life.

**ROLE**: student

**AUDIENCE**: general

**FOCUS**: music and its role in today’s world

**TOPIC**: How does music influence your personal life?

**Plan**

*Before you write:*

Read the prompt carefully so you understand exactly what you are being asked to do.

Think about the topic and your audience.

Use an appropriate graphic organizer to organize your thoughts.

**Write**

*As you write:*

Refer to your graphic organizer to keep your thoughts organized.

Write a topic sentence.

Support your main idea with specific details.

Write a good conclusion.

Be sure to include interesting words and varied sentences.

Use proper grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

Make sure your essay is written in **TAP** (third person, active voice, present tense)

**Proofread**

*After you write:*

Read your paragraph.

Do your sentences make sense?

Will the reader be able to understand what you are communicating?

Is your spelling, grammar,capitalization, and punctuation correct?

Did you check the rubric for expectations?