

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Assignments

## Assignment No. 1 – Compare and Contrast

1. Find 2 recordings of each of our orchestra pieces (Youtube). One should be a good quality performance and the other a lesser quality performance.
2. Listen to each recording with your music in front of you.
3. For the good quality performance, write a list of the musical elements that made it a good performance.
4. For the poor quality performance, write a list of the musical elements that detracted from the performance.

**\*\* Be specific\*\*** In your lists, note measure numbers. Use the following musical terms:

- Intonation
- Ensemble
- Articulation
- Dynamics
- Bowings – up, down, slurs
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## Assignment No. 2

Practice all orchestra pieces. Concentrate on intonation. Listen to our pieces on my website.

## Assignment No. 3

Practice all scales we have covered so far. Play them slowly and concentrate on intonation.

## Assignment No. 4

Practice the lines of the solo we have studied so far. Play them slowly and concentrate on intonation.