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**The John Cage Effect**

**Assignment –**

John Cage was an avant-garde, modern composer who created music that was both experimental and innovative.

* John Cage Biography – http://www.sphinxkids.org/Composers\_Gallery.html
* John Cage Listening - http://blog.d70schools.org/groups/7thgrademusicarthistory/
* Modern Music Listening - http://www.dsokids.com/listen/composerlist.aspx
* *John Cage Radio* - http://www.last.fm/listen/artist/John%2BCage/similarartists - can only be viewed at home

**Objectives –**

* Compose a 1-minute piece of music that reflects John Cage’s style of composing (you may not create a piece made entirely of rests, it has already been done).
  + Your composition must include a melody on piano, which will be recorded into GarageBand and must include a minimum of THREE loops. Remember, the melody is the main idea and must be heard over your loops.
* Write a one-paragraph explanation of why your music should be considered modern, experimental and innovative like the music of John Cage. Feel free to use examples of his life and music to support your piece. You are expected to cite any information you use in your paragraph and your response should be typed- http://highlandlc.wikispaces.com/WorksCited

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|  | | **O Points**  **(no credit)** | **2 point** | **4 points** | **6 points**  **(full credit) ☺** |
| **The John Cage Effect** | **Length** | Does not fulfill the time requirement | X | X | Fulfills the time requirement |
| **Creativity** | Much of the song is repetitious | Several measures seem to have repeated rhythms AND melodies | Several measures seem to have repeated rhythms OR melodies | Composition shows creative thought and effort ☺ |
| **Transitions** | Three or more requirements missing | Two requirements missing | One-two requirements missing | Transitions between melody and loops make sense, clear understanding of modern sound ☺ |
| **John Cage** | Missing three requirements | Missing two requirements | Missing one requirement | One paragraph supporting the piece, accurately depicts the style of John Cage and includes citation ☺ |

**Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total : \_\_\_\_\_/24 (x2)**

**Final Composition Grade: \_\_\_\_\_/48**