

Grade 7
SD60 Writing Samples
Personal Writing

- **The numbers are the result of 2 markers (1-4 scale x 2)**
- **+ positive comments on the work**
- **- something the student can work on**
- **The circles on the performance standards show where both markers scored the work**

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+ unique, interesting, original
- "flesh out the conclusion"

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In the peaceful woods all is calm, the wind blows gently and the bugs are buzzing a consistent humming in the air. In the small old oak tree there is a faint noise. The noise grows higher and then to a more gentle sound. It moves from higher to lower in such a flowing way, not a flaw in the sound. The peaceful stream trickles over rocks and the salmon flop down the river. It is similar to the song that is played on my ipod. It has a rhythm, it has a background, and it has a vocalist. It is music.

Music is all around us, in nature and on the radio. All is similar because it gives off a feeling inside whether it is a beautiful sound or suspenseful. The type of sound and beat gives off hormones and we begin to almost form into the music. All else around means nothing. It is the music that matters. The music could almost be a living person. It gives you feeling and emotions. I think that is why music was made. It was made for us to bring out our feelings. And it was made to give us feeling depended on the rhythm. That is why we use music to cheer us up or to show someone who they truly feel. Music expresses who we are. We may like a certain type of music. We all have a type of music that makes us want to dance around our room. We all have different styles and interests. Just like everything in life. The thing I like about music is that we can choose out of variety of different kinds. And for those who play instruments can choose what instrument they

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would prefer. What type of sound you like; one that gives you adrenaline.

Music allows you to be you and express who you are.

Music can also entertain you. I personally can never really get bored of it. I think some people take advantage of music. I wonder if they had thought what there lives would be like without it there always in the background of a shopping mall. It would be quiet and heartless. I don't think we realize how much it entertains us from day to day. We listen to it when we bored, we listen to it with our friends, and we listen to it on family holidays. For Example; Christmas. Christmas without music wouldn't be jolly like it is supposed too. Music brings the fun into life. Also music has a way of motivating you to do stuff. It gives you courage. Some people need alcohol to do courageous things. But music works the same without the use of alcohol. It gives you adrenaline, and adrenaline gives you happiness. Music is supposed to be happy. But however some people don't like the happiness of music. They would rather more dark and cold music. I personally don't see the point. This would only make me unhappy. It wouldn't entertain me and motivate to do things it would make me want to stay home while watching a sad movie with a bucket of Haagen-Dazs ice cream in my hands.

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Music is in the background almost everywhere in our daily lives. At the mall and in the headphone in our ears. But music is not only made up of instruments and voices, it is also made up of everything around us, like nature. If you stop and listen to the sound of the waves in the ocean, or the cricketing in the pond, you can hear similar sounds you hear on your ipod. Nature has a variety of different animals and organisms that are represented as instruments to me. Music just doesn't come from us; it comes from everything around us. I think that when music was first discovered it was from nature. They began to make drums out of animal hides and used them for the people going into the afterlife. This must have been when they discovered the beauty that music could be. It can tell so much. It can even tell a story. We must all love music if it has lasted this long. From the beginning of man until the twenty-first century.

So when you are walking down the walking path in Community Forest, or even walking up town, try to drown out the ruins of vehicles and focus on the music. Whether is it is your favorite song or the bird chirping in the oak tree.

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+ good structure and form
 good ideas relate to personal events
 - sentence organization → edit

Music is important to many people. For some people it makes their work go faster. To some people music is only for celebrations and parties. Some people play music when they are sad to help make them be happy again or they play music when they are all alone. Music can be a comfort and it helps many people through every day struggles. Many people use music in their everyday lives. Here are some ways that music is used, helps and is important to my family and I.

In my life I listen to music a lot. One way that music helps me is by making my work go faster. If I am cleaning the house with my mom and my brother we usually put on some up beat music and sing and dance while we clean. It makes the work go a lot faster. It helps me, personally, take my mind off of the things that I don't like about a certain job. I find that while I am cleaning my room I can get a lot done when I am listening to music. If I pick a part of my room to clean and put on a song, I can usually get that part of my room cleaned by the time the song ends or maybe even more of my room cleaned. Some times if I am dusting I dance as I dust. It is really silly I know but it makes the work go faster and I feel better as I do the work. My mom has always said to me music makes things go faster and makes them more fun.

Music is also part of my family life. I find that music brings my family together. My mom grew up in a musical family, but my dad not so much. My mom has shared her love of music with my dad and then with my brother and me. Now it has brought us all close together. In the evenings when everybody is home we sometimes put on music and play silly games. A game we play is called guess that song! One person puts on a CD and selects a song and then everyone else tries to guess the song. If you guess the name of the song you get to pick the next song. I'm really good because I have listened to most of the

So that is why I think music has made the biggest impact on the world than any thing else. If I had to rate impacts on the world, music would probably be on the top of my list. So I hope that music stays alive for many, many more generations and that it continues to help people with their lives. I hope that you keep music in your life and let it help you in many ways, which I am sure it already has.

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+ ideas are developed through details and examples, great "hook"

- looks like you may have run out of time → work on

conclusion

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Music

As the music booms in my ears one beat at a time, I sing along and dance a groovy move. People stare but nothing is going to stop me because, I'm feeling confident and powerful. I laugh and friends decide to join me, we turn it up loud and dance till the sun falls, and the moonrises.

Music is all around it is one thing you cannot avoid. When you tap your foot as a beat and lightly hit your desk to create a rhythm, you are creating music. When I'm in an arena warming up for my next race, I have my music with me. Or when I'm sharpening my skates, my music is right by my side. It helps me focus, and it gets me excited, pumped up. I like it loud and powerful, in other words I've blown many speakers!

My music range is wide, and very open for new coming music. Hip-hop is what I listen to when I'm with my friends, because you can dance along. But really for me hardcore music, and a little bit of techno is what I enjoy! I like it fast, quick beats, heavy drums, and a quick guitar. My Brother, , and Dad, , would probably have to agree with me. Are taste is all very similar, I think that is why I have such a good relationship with my dad. When we travel, which happens to be a lot, we can relate and enjoy music without fighting about it, and the same goes for my brother. But it gives my mom a headache, and she enjoys more slow heart warming music.

When I listen to music it makes me excited, exhilarated, and many more emotions. It can hold many effects on my emotions and feelings. It really depends what mood I'm in. When I watch a movie, and when I think about it I don't think movies would be the same without music because when it is a scary part of a movie there is suspension music in the background, which puts an effect on you that something horrid is

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going to happen. Music will make you assume things, but can also make you feel like the real you is shining. And it makes me feel independent, confident and powerful. Without music I don't know what type of person I would be like this very day.

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+ insightful / original ideas

- some sentences awkward
need to put 3 ideas into the intro

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Music. It is a wonderful work of art expressed in so many different ways. Music is flexible work of art, not one that follows a set of rules. It can be twisted and changed in so many different ways. It can be changed to adapt and to apply to the certain times. There are so many different styles of music that can be changed or improved so it is easy to like. Music has a very importance in life. Each person has their own reasons, well I have three. I would like to say those three so hear they are.

Music is a way to let things out, verbally or through an instrument. Music lets people say and do things that they want to say or do, but don't know or want to say it any other way. Music is a way to set all of the feelings free that they might have. When you listen to music you sort of zone out sometimes when you connect or relate to a piece of music. When I do that it lets me know that I can let things out. Music is also an easy way to let it all out. You can do it with out yelling or crying. Music is a way to let things out even if you are to scared to say them strait out to some one. With out music we would have feelings bottled up inside us and we would not be very happy. We would find ways to let the feelings out but probably not in a good healthy way.

Music creates feeling or memories in special ways. Music is a way to remember things like a couple's first dance or a loved on that you have lost. Music is a very easy thing to remember because if you like the tune or if you did something very special to that song then it is easier for your mind to remember it. Music keeps people happy. By listening to a happy or funny song most of the times people start to smile. Being happy is one of the most important things in life because if you are not happy then you can't enjoy life. Music is a way to cope with things. Lot's of times people have hard or rough times in their life lots and even most of those people start to drink or take drugs thinking that it

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will help them forget their problems. All that does is give you an addiction or a bad habit. Music is a healthy way to let your problems out or just cope with them and get through those times.

Music is a big part of history because without it there might not have been the certain battles that have shaped our universe. Why that is, is because music was used to train people and make them move a certain speed. Whether it be marching, rowing, shooting, pace of running and much more. Music is also a part of history because it shows how our society has evolved in terms of how we treat something new. When Elvis Presley first started singing and dancing no one really wanted to change. So no one really even tried listening to his music. And when he was on T.V dancing they blacked out his legs so that they did not see him dancing in a way that was not ever tried. If we did that now we would be called prejudice.

Music has so many other things that you can do with it these are just the things that I think are the most important. People might not agree with me but I think that these are the most important reasons of music. So think what are the most important things about music. Think about it.

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+ lots of ideas

- edit for "organization"
reread for small word errors + commas

Spring Cold Write

There is so much music in the world; there is happy and sad, meaning and stupid, Scary and funny music. Everyone in the world has probably heard music. In Church if you listened to the words it is meaning full and good. When you turn on the radio it might be swearing and stupid nonsense. It is used for many things, even more then just listening to, when your board. It is used for movies plays, just when you or board, to start off a race.

Music makes you feel different ways depending on were it is what it is and how it sounds. I go to church every Sunday. I am not a slow music type of person but I read the lyrics and it has a powerful meaning. When I go to town I turn on the radio and blast the stereos. The music is catchy and makes you happy. When there catchy songs you don't think about the lyrics. In movies when the music is getting faster and deeper your ready to fall off you seat. It makes you scared and worried. If it is soft music out side on a spring day you are relaxed and happy and in peace. Music makes you feel different ways all the time and that can be why I-pods and other music is a way to escape where you are.

The lyrics in songs can mean a lot, if you are listening to them. Radios can be talking about how you lost your boy friend and are going to party, or even something stupid like, being under my umbrella, (Umbrella-By Riana). Some music talks about there life and how there on top of things one day and sinking the next. Some are sad songs on how people hate their life. Some, like at church's, can say how you divot your life to God, and how you will do no wrong. There are so many different meanings to music, and some music doesn't even have words, it is just to make you feel different. Meaning good or bad. I have listened to music that it seems like only screaming (hard rock), or it goes to fast (rap).

Music is used for more then just the amusement when your board, in skits and other plays they play different moods of music. When it is in a romantic seen it is a bright sunny type of music when there is someone who is getting killed the music is fast

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and scary. Once the person is died it is a sad mournful sound. That is the same for movies. Some people will just turn on music to drown out there thoughts. It is used for many, many things.

That I way music is so powerful. There is going to be more and more things used for music, and every day there is a new song to listen to. It is an amassing sound; I guess you could call it. A very interesting beat. Used for thousands of things. Some day music may be a sport some how.

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+ great ideas and detail, good paragraphs
- introduction and conclusion

The first thing about my community is that I don't live in the area that I got to school. I live over by . In my area I have a lot of friends also that is where my best friend lives. His name is Joel, we do a lot of the same out of school sports. We both ride bikes a lot in the summer and I got him into snowboarding. We have a hill behind my house that we go to every night in the winter. One weekend he went for five hours. Another thing about my community is that I have a big forest behind my house and it is a good place to go for a walk, run or just walk the dog.

At the school I go to is called . it is high on academics and sports. At least one of our many teams in each sport gets first place every year. I use to go to Christian Life School but in the beginning of grade four I switched to because there weren't a lot of boys in my class and all my cousins switched to . I love it so far we have a lot of great teachers and students. is a very calm school there isn't a lot of police, high traffic of violence. Next to there is a park called Kin Park there is a playground for children of all ages, a bike track, Baseball diamonds and tennis courts.

In my classroom we have a lot of awesome kids and two great teachers. I have made a lot of friends here at Ambrose. My teacher is and my student teacher . They are great Mrs. is very athletic same with Mr.

Just think all of this and plenty more in located in Fort. St. John. There are a lot of clubs in Fort. St. John, I am in the Moose ATV Club and the Club volleyball team. A lot of my friends are in the Flyers Hokey Team and some just play house. We have a wide variety of clubs from Volleyball to hokey and soccer and from hunting to boating you think of it and he probably have a club for it.

The best part about living in Fort. St. John is that it is in British Columbia Canada and that means it is a free country and we don't have a Monarchy but we have a Democracy. We just had a federal election and a man named Jay Hill won so we are back where we started before the election started. In Canada we have a lot of memorable places and events like the Calgary Stampede, the West Edmonton Mall and lots more.

So if you ever get a chance to come to Canada take it because I promise you wont be sorry you did.

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+ personal insight, good form
- brief intro and conclusion, add more

Music

Music is very important to my family and me. We listen to it together and sometimes by ourselves. It helps us to socialize better like I might ask who the band is and it might start a conversation. If we are eating and there is music on they will listen to me better than if there wasn't. (Doesn't sound right but that's the way it is.) It helps us feel better like when my uncle died we listened to the devil went down to Georgia which mad us feel better.

Music can also help me with school when I'm trying to work. It is because it drowns out the other people who are talking. Music also can sometimes give me ideas for my writhing. This is helpful because it helps me finish work faster. It can also help me with writhing because it gives me a rhythm for my writing.

Music doesn't just help with work or my family it also helps me. Music can calm me so that I'm not angry or sad. Music helps me think. It can also help me concentrate on things that are important to me. It can also make me happy and can excite me and make me have a better day. It can make me sad to but I don't listen to that kind of music very much.

Another thing that is important to me about music is when it's on movies. When a movies playing and its at a sad part changes the music so that you will watch more intently. I think that this is important because if there was a fighting scene and it had light music wouldn't make much sense right? So I think that that is also very important to me. If we dint have any sound in our commercials or movies none would sell. I don't think there would even be a TV.

Another very important thing about music to me is commercials. Like if they were trying to sell a rock CD and it had no example of the music I wouldn't buy it. It needs to have some music so that I will know what it sounds like and maybe buy it. Also if there were no music on shows or movies it would make watching them very boring. With music it is good but if you don't have music it would be boring. Imagine a world without music. Then compare it to what we have today. How happy would the world be? Would people talk nearly as much? Would matters be resolved faster or slower without music? I don't know I live in a world with music, And I am glad of it. I hope you like my cold write.

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- very brief intro + conclusion

Here are some reasons that music is important to me, and why I like to listen to it so much everyday.

The first reason that music is important to me is because it makes scary movies better. Music adds more effect to the movies and more drama. It also adds more emotion to scary movies, and gets your adrenaline going. Music also adds sound to the spots that nothing is happening. Those are some reasons that music is important in scary movies.

My second reason is that music adds more emotion. Depending what you are listening to music adds emotion to that making you happy, sad, bored and sometimes even angry. Those are some emotions that happen when you listen to music, but there are lots more emotions all over the world that everyone feels when they listen to music. Those are some reason that emotion is important in music.

My third reason is that music is always there. Music is everywhere. It is in back round music and in movies, everywhere. Music is in lots of shows to. Even when you think it is quiet there is music, maybe from a neighbor, or a classmate, maybe even a billboard outside, I don't know. Music is everywhere though. Those are some reasons that music is everywhere.

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COLD WRITE

Some Cool things happening in Forest Lawn are the garage sale and Bar B queue, all the friendly people and all the activities.

My community is small, but sweet. Just about every summer Tim, (the owner of the park) holds an annual garage sale. That is when every one who wants a garage sale has one; it is easier to have lots of garage sales all at the same time. After the garage sale, Tim holds a bar b queue. Lots of people bring food like chips, salad, hot dogs, hamburgers and so much more. If you move there you will like it.

The people are friendly you should get to know them. They help you rake leafs and shovel snow, but you don't want to get on the bad side of some people. Some people give flowers to other people to plant, give them cookies for a gift and some people give them Birthday gifts, Christmas presents and hold parties on like new years day. I hope you meet them.

Some of the fun things are fun activities that are taking place are really cool. There are lots of hiking trails to go on. The trails are long got nice and peaceful. There is a park in the middle of the loop of houses. There are swings and slides, trees to climb up and even a big sandbox. Some times not very often some people holds a little play, but the chances are about one in 10 years. There is a big field and some people play football, soccer and drive their little remote control vehicles around. In the spring, summer and autumn this man named Roger, takes kids around on the trailer behind the quad and in the winter the same, but on sleds behind the quad. That is what we have for fun in forest lawn.

Hope you have fun at the Garage sale and Bar B Queue, All thee friendly people and the fun activities.

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- edit for incomplete sentences

Fall Cold Write

If someone was to move here from, Nova Scotia, I was have to say that they should not live here. My only reasons for someone not to live here are,

The stores that we have are very dull. They do not provide things that you need really bad, the people that work in the stores don't even help you, but when their boss is around they act friendly and the help with there best effort just to get a raise. The mall that we have is small and only has ten stores or more, and they all have little to offer.

In Fort St. John we have people who do not work, people littler all over the place, and if they walk by garbage they do not even bother to pick it up. Also we have a lot of construction going on, but some of it is no the best work in the world, we also have people working on houses. New ones are going up each day, when they were ripping the forest apart behind our school/ beside, there was a mom moose running out of the bush, so that was home to her but that does not mean they have to rip it up for people to live in. also there is more forest to be ripped up.

When you are coming into F.S.J, you might think that there is lots of scenery, but when you are going to go sort of into F.S.J there is very dull scenery. You see houses everywhere and stores that there's very little of. Besides if you love sitting by an ocean, and sitting on that wonderful and beautiful beach you do not want to live here.

So next time you want to move and you are not sure where you want to move don't come to Fort. St John.

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Why to move to a community.

My name is _____ ; and I am going to tell you about why you should move to my community and why not. A good reason is there are lots of sports. So lots of kids and adults can play sports such as hockey, baseball, basketball, soccer, football, volleyball, and badminton. A bad reason is DRUGS there is too much drugs in this community mostly because of the high paid jobs. Some community's have so many drugs no family with kids should live there. But community with fewer drugs more families will move there. There are lots of places to shop. So you wouldn't have to drive 45 minutes to drive somewhere. Some good places to shop are Wal-Mart save on foods and the mall. There is lots of litter. So after Friday and Saturday nights. If you where to go and collect all the cans and bottles over a week you could make ten dollars a day. There are also lots of schools. So no school is crowded and teachers have time for all the kids. That is why you should move here and why not.

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There is some bike tracks around here and there is a lot of big jumps and small jumps there is about twenty jumps ten for the big jumps and ten for the small jumps the small jumps are good too start off for little kids but if you're a really good biker you can go on the big jumps and have like to five and ten feet high well around there I seen guys go so high I and some guys go low I even seen some kids crash.

Mc Donald's is the best Mc Donald's in B.C. because there is a big play place for the kids too play in there, there is two slides there is two tunnels to go to the slides there is a little tunnel for kids too talk to one kid can be by the ground and another to be up the play place. But for the big kids there is fosse ball and also there are seven games touch screen and game cube so if you ever want to move, move to Fort St. John.

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A good to live here is that it's small so you can walk every ware. We have lots of good restaurants and lot's of schools we have cold winters and hot summers and were getting something called the enerplex it's a huge arena with two hockey rinks and a speed skating oval that's lifted above ground so fare its about a quarter of the way done all you can see is lots of steal beans and cranes and every summer the fair come to town they have lots of great rides some bad things are

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FORM • opening • organization and sequence • conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weak introduction, abrupt conclusion • sequence may be confusing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction is often effective; middle and end undeveloped • "stream of consciousness" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • often starts strong, then develops in predictable ways • logical sequence and connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strong opening; well-defined middle and end • logical sequence and connections; effective paragraphing
CONVENTIONS • complete sentences • spelling • punctuation • grammar (e.g., agreement, verb tense)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • frequent errors in simple words and structures • no control of sentence structure; often runs on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar that do not interfere with meaning • may include some run-on sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may include errors in complex language, but these do not interfere with meaning • most sentences are correctly constructed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may include occasional errors in complex language, but these do not affect meaning • sentences are correctly constructed

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We are also chind to eachuther and we show resorsfuele as well.

We are also responsible and we are also helpful to eachuther.

We are also take owere tern doing thins an we are polite to eachuther.

People should live here in Fort Santee John because we have a hooky leage in the winter. We also have soccer teams for kid to goyne in the summer and in thespring. And we also play baseball in the fall. We also have biking thalse people can go on in the Summer time. And people lick to go sledding in the winter time.

People should live her in Fort Saente Jhon because people lick to go to plays for entertament .