

Sample Rubric for Direct Assessment of Critical Thinking

MUSI 1379, Survey of World Music Cultures

Question: "What is Agbekor? How does the Agbekor performance reflect the history and culture of the Ewe people? Why would the omission of Agbekor be devastating to a person from the Ewe cultural group?"

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Scoring: out of 30 possible points (adjust to reflect the points possible on the question)	Interpretation and Content	Analysis & Evaluation	Written Presentation
25-30 points - Accomplished	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contains all points including: triumph over adversity in Ewe history; religious philosophy of the Ewe; connects funeral traditions with social and religious institutions - Explains what Agbekor is including all points: legend of origin, war drumming, clarity of life, performance situations today - Explains what the omission of Agbekor would mean to the Ewe including: religious significance and social response to omission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sees the importance and connections between a musical function and a social institution - Understands the significance of the Ewe's religious beliefs - Explains how Agbekor is learned and how this is significant to the Ewe people - Values and evaluates the cultural and religious belief system of the Ewe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Writes succinctly and correctly - Discusses issues thoroughly - Organizes the information in a coherent and logical manner, assimilating information learned
20-24 points - Competent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contains most points including: triumph over adversity in Ewe history; religious philosophy of the Ewe; connects funeral traditions with social and religious institutions - Explains what Agbekor is including most points: legend of origin, war drumming, clarity of life, performance situations today - Partly explains what the omission of Agbekor would mean to the Ewe including religious significance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sees the importance between a musical function and a social institution - Understands the significance of the Ewe's religious beliefs, but does not articulate it fully - Explains how Agbekor is learned and how this is significant to the Ewe people, but omits information or important points - Values and evaluates the cultural and religious belief system of the Ewe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written clearly with only a few errors in grammar or spelling - Identifies issues, but not thoroughly discussed - Organizes the information in a coherent and logical manner, assimilating information learned

<p>14-19 - Needing more information and thought</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contains only 1 or 2 of these points: triumph over adversity in Ewe history; religious philosophy of the Ewe; connects funeral traditions with social and religious institutions - Explains what Agbekor is including some points: legend of origin, war drumming, clarity of life, performance situations today - Partly explains what the omission of Agbekor would mean to the Ewe but does not illustrate point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does not articulate the reasons behind the religious and social institution - Understands the significance of the Ewe's religious beliefs, but does not articulate it fully - Explains how Agbekor is significant to the Ewe people, but generalizes issues or omits important points - Some value is placed on the cultural and religious belief system of the Ewe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statements need clarification and detail - Mentions issues, but no further discussion is presented - Displays lack of organization of thought and writing
<p>0-13 - Not prepared to discuss the question</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mentions only 1 or no relevant points addressing the question - Vaguely explains what Agbekor is and/or gives incorrect information - Partly explains what the omission of Agbekor would mean to the Ewe but does not articulate points clearly or accurately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fails to draw conclusions - Sees no association between cultural and religious beliefs of the Ewe - Overlooks differences and cultural identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Writing is unclear - Misrepresents issues - Disorganized