

Miles Davis

Album Review Assignment

Select one album from the following list:

- Birth of the Cool (1957)
- Milestones (1958)
- Kind of Blue (1959)
- Porgy and Bess (1959)
- Sketches of Spain (1960)
- E. S. P. (1965)
- Nefertiti (1967)
- In a Silent Way (1968)
- Bitches Brew (1970)
- On the Corner (1972)

(they are all on either YouTube or music streaming services)

From the album, portray the following information in a creative way:

- What is the story leading up to the creation of the album? How did the album(s) that came before it affect the creation of this one?
- What were some of the creative goals that Miles was trying to achieve? What is one of the most popular tunes from the album? Does it represent the creative vision and sound of the album? How so?
- Was it innovative to Jazz on the whole? How so? (or why not?)
- How did the public and/or jazz critics respond to the album? What were some of the things they said? (Quote them, try and give one positive one and negative one).

Finally, be sure to include your personal thoughts and feelings about the album. What did you like about it? What did you dislike? How does it make you feel? Respond further, if you're so inclined.

Here are some ideas for how you might represent it:

*Poster / Slide Presentation (Prezi, PowerPoint, etc.) / Short Story / One-Act Play /
Podcast (with audio examples) / Album Review (from a magazine) / Webpage / Newspaper Article.*

Due Date: _____. Make sure to start it early!

Rubric to follow!

Enjoy!