

Requirements for Position of “Jomsviking” (Men) “Valkyrie” (women)

Rank 11: Jomsviking/Valkyrie; 8th Grade Marking Period 3

Play the following exercises from the Marking Period 3 scale sheet. Extra sheets are available in the rack at the front of the room. You must score 80% or better to pass the requirement for rank advancement. Percussion will play the mallets in Smartmusic and will play Rudiments for Mr. Miller

1. Concert d minor scales
2. Concert Db Extended Scale
3. Concert f minor scales

SmartMusic Procedures:

1. From the Desktop of the computer, Double click the **Smartmusic 10** icon to open Smartmusic
2. Check your microphone placement and level in the first screen the click the **Next** button.
3. On the following screen, click **Finished**.
4. On the main Smartmusic screen, click the **assignment** button or go the the **assignment** menu and choose “assignment...”.
5. enter your login email and password.
6. Choose an assignment to practice by clicking once on the assignment name then click the **open** button.
7. Practice your assignment then either submit it, try again or save your performance for to decide to submit it later or not.
8. When you are finished, click the **assignment** button again and choose **Logout**.

Your grade for the marking period will be calculated by averaging your score for these exercises and quizzes according to the grade rationale.

Other Options:

1. 10 extra credit points can be earned by receiving a rating of I or II at Solo Ensemble during MP3.

Earn a III and receive 5 points.

No points are given for a rating of VI or Below

2. 5 points of Extra Credit may be earned toward your grade by completing 2 weeks of practice records. These only will be applied to the current marking period. Other Extra Credit is available. See Mr. Miller. See the grade rationale for Details.

3. Other options are available, See Mr. Miller

What is a Jomsviking and a Valkyrie?

As your reputation in battle became more well known and you were a man between 18 – 5 years of age, you might have become a member of the **Jomsvikings** (1) (pronounced yamsvikings), the mythical and most famous of the warrior brotherhoods, or mercenary bands of Vikings. Danish accounts say the Jomsvikings were established in the 10th century by Harald Blue Tooth of Denmark who was banished from his own kingdom by his son, Swein Forkbeard. He had built a fortress called Jomsborg at the mouth of the Ober river. It had an artificial harbor, with it's entrance guarded by a great tower built upon an archway with iron gates. The harbor was said to hold over 300 ships. The Jomsvikings lived by extremely strict rules, and trained to fight as a unit. Membership in the brotherhood was limited to men of outstanding strength, courage, and fighting ability, between 18 and 50 years of age. They were never to show any fear no matter how hopeless matters were. Flight from battle was forbidden and carried a death penalty. To abandon a brother in combat was a death penalty.

The **Valkyries**, (2) were warrior maidens who attended Odin, ruler of the gods. The Valkyries ("Choosers of the Slain") are beautiful young women, mounted upon winged horses and armed with helmets and spears. Their leader was Brunhild. The Valkyries carry out the will of Odinn in determining the victors of the battle, and the course of the war. Their primary duty is to choose the bravest of those who have been slain, gathering the souls of dying heroes or warriors found deserving of afterlife in Valhalla. They fly over the battle and scout the battle ground in search of mortals worthy of the grand hall of Valhalla, the great hall of slain warriors is located in Asgard, the realm of Odinn. The Valkyries are also Odin's messengers and when they ride forth on their errands, their armor causes the strange flickering light that is called "Aurora Borealis" (Northern Lights).

- 1.) "The Vikings" Tom Setzer <http://www.inisfail.com/~ancients/the-vikings.html>

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- 2.) "Valkyries." *Encyclopedia Mythica* from Encyclopedia Mythica Online.

<<http://www.pantheon.org/articles/v/valkyries.html>>

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