

Requirements for Position “Hirōmenn” (heerthmen)

Rank 9: Hirōmenn; 8th Grade Marking Period 1

Play the following exercises from the Marking Period 1 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 Bb Major Extended scale
2. Concert g minor scales
3. Concert Eb Major Extended scale
4. Make a score of 80% or better on the Concert Pitch Quiz
5. Percussion Only – Rudiment sheet for MP1

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 Hirōmenn?

In the eleventh century the Norse kings probably had an immediate retinue of about ninety men, excluding menial servants and hangers on. These were divided into the *hirōmenn* (household men or hearthmen, i.e.; men who were privileged to be sharing his hearth or quarters) and a lower class called *gestir* literally guests, whose pay was half that of the *hirōmenn*. The *gestir* had their own leader, assembly and quarters. They acted as a kind of police force, doing errands for the king, executing his justice and collecting his taxes. They were not a popular group, and a later explanation of their name is that they were 'unwelcome guests' in many a house!

The *hirōmenn* were hand-picked and well rewarded. To be chosen was a great honor and meant acceptance not only by the other members, but by the king. A *hirōman* paid homage to the king and swore loyalty to him and the other *hirōmenn*. In Norway the *hirōmenn* maintained a hospice for their old and infirm members (a sort of early 'benevolent fund!'). These men were knit together by the personal bond they each had with their king or chieftain.

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