Assignment #7: Due Monday, September 26th, 5:00 PM; Bring your completed assignment to class.

Last class we learned that there have been four principal styles in American school marching band (college & high school, alike): Military, Picture Shows, Precession Drill, and Corps Style.

Watch the following recent videos of the Texas A&M Marching Band (the “Fightin’ Texas Aggie Marching Band”). This band still marches in the Military style and is considered to be the finest American marching bands of the military style.

Do enjoy these videos! If you’ve never seen a military-style marching band, you’re in for a surprise!

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Step 1:
Watch the two videos online. These two links are also found on the class website under “Assignment #7.”

Video 1 (seen entirely from the press box camera)
https://youtu.be/cimi3kp7Ctc?list=PLRmseJ1xDxY8IGt_SBFB9dGJmFTH08er5j

Video 2 (frequent close-up views)
https://youtu.be/Z12u7eVLw48?list=PLRmseJ1xDxY8IGt_SBFB9dGJmFTH08er5j

Step 2:
As you’re watching the videos, answer the following questions in the space below (handwritten answers are acceptable, if legible).

1. Approximately how many members in the band?

2. Which instruments are used in the band?

3. In which direction do the musicians face while performing?

4. Are there any non-musicians in the band?

5. The most common step-size in American marching band is 8-to-5. What is this band’s step-size?

6. How many compositions were performed in each show?

7. Did the band ever stop marching midway through the show?

8. Does the tempo ever change in either show?

9. Is the music memorized?
10. One of the most-characteristic marching maneuvers in military style is the “countermarch.” You will see several countermarches in both shows. The first time a countermarch occurs in the first video is at 1:38. (Notice how complex the countermarch appears from 3:10–3:35 in the first video!) You’ll see a close-up of the countermarch in the second video at 2:25 and again at 2:55. How would you describe this maneuver?

11. Another characteristic marching maneuver in military style is the “flank.” You will see several flanking maneuver in both shows. The first time a countermarch occurs in the first video is at 3:50. You’ll see a close-up of the flank in the second video at 1:10. How would you describe this maneuver?

12. The third characteristic marching maneuver in military style is the “oblique.” You will see several oblique maneuvers in both shows. The first time an oblique occurs in the first video is at 4:22. You’ll see a close-up of the oblique maneuver in the second video at 3:40. How would you describe this maneuver?