To complete this assignment, visit the following link to the Saline Orchestras website to view an announcement that includes links to the appropriate YouTube playlist for your instrument: http://goo.gl/zvXmmq. Make thorough and descriptive notes in each portion of the tables below before answering the questions on the final page using paragraphs including several complete sentences.

**Jascha Heifetz (1901-1987)**

Born in Russian, Jascha Heifetz is considered by some to have been the greatest violinist of all time. Heifetz was a child prodigy, making his public debut playing the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto at the age of 7. When he was 17, he moved to the United States, making an impressive debut recital at Carnegie Hall. Heifetz would go on to perform with virtually all of the world’s top musicians and orchestra, recording many pieces along the way.

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**Hilary Hahn (Born 1979)**

Born in Virginia, Hilary Hahn has become one of the world’s leading violin soloists. After beginning to play the violin at the age of 3, Hahn was admitted to the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music at the age of 10 and made her debut with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at 11. She has since commissioned many composers to write solo music for her and recorded 20 albums and won 2 Grammy Awards.

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**Itzhak Perlman (Born 1945)**

Born in Israel, Itzhak Perlman has established himself as one of the foremost violinists of his generation, despite suffering from polio. Perlman moved to the United States at the age 10 to study with Ivan Galamian and the prestigious Juilliard School. He went on to have a prolific solo career, performing around the world and recording many albums and film scores, including *Schindler’s List* and *Memoirs of a Geisha*. He has since won 8 Grammy Awards and the National Medal of Arts.

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Mark Wood
Born in New York, Mark Wood began his career as a viola player in a family filled with string players. He received a full scholarship to attend Juilliard at the age of 17, but quickly found himself more inspired by rock guitar players such as Eddie Van Halen. Wood left Juilliard and invented his own 6 string electric instrument, which he named the Viper. He was able to combine his classical technique and passion for rock music to become one of the first great electric string players and perform with many leading musicians such as Celine Dion, Lenny Kravitz, Kanye West, Paul McCartney, and Billy Joel. Wood has since become a force in music education, having brought alternative styles to over 100,000 students and raised millions of dollars.

Mark Wood: Electric Violin Solo

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Regina Carter (Born 1966)
Born in Detroit, Carter began playing the violin at an early age and would go on to study classical violin performance at the New England Conservatory, before switching to jazz. She taught strings in the Detroit Public Schools before moving to Europe to establish her performing career. Carter has since performed with many of the top jazz musicians and recorded many CDs. In 2006, she was named a recipient of the MacArthur Foundation “Genius Grant.”

Lady Be Good

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Sarah Neufeld
Sarah Neufeld is a violinist and composer based in Montréal, Canada. Best known as a member of Arcade Fire, she is also a founding member of the acclaimed contemporary instrumental ensemble Bell Orchestre, and most recently as half of an exciting new duo with renowned saxophonist Colin Stetson. As a performer, improvisor and composer, she has become a rising star in her field, pulling from contemporary electro-acoustic, avant-folk, and indie rock music.

The Ridge

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Extra Credit (10 points): Find a Youtube video of a great violinist who is not on this list. A recommended video is provided on the Youtube playlist. Visit [http://goo.gl/forms/gtU4i1Y3Rs](http://goo.gl/forms/gtU4i1Y3Rs) to enter your link into the Extra Credit Response Form and describe why you think the violinist is exceptional.

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Please answer the following questions in complete sentences. If you need more lines feel free to continue on to another piece of paper.

What abilities and characteristics did all of these violinists have in common? What can we learn from them?

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In what ways are these violinists different from one another? Did any of them have unique strengths as musicians?

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Which one of these violinists was your favorite and why? If you have a favorite violinist who is not on this list, who is it and what sets them apart?

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