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Dear Ms. You,

I am writing to inform you that your paper on “Music is Maoist China” has earned our Honorable Recognition award. This recognition reflects the depth of research, thoughtful argumentation, and polished writing that went into your paper—not to mention the more than 13,000 words that you used to lay out your reasoning! Fewer than 10% of papers submitted to *The Concord Review* are either published or receive Honorable Recognition, so you should take great pride in your accomplishment.

In today’s environment where attention spans are short, social media dictates so many of our conversations, and too few know about our past, we are proud of the work we continue to do in promoting the reading, writing, and enjoyment of history among secondary school students. We are grateful for your willingness to go above and beyond what is normally expected of high school students, and please convey my congratulations to anyone who gave assistance to you with this paper.

Your name and essay will be listed on our website later this fall with other students who also received this commendation. Well-done on a piece of work that really stands out and please let us know when you choose a college in the future!

Cordially,

Robert Nasson
Editor,
The Concord Review