

The Meaning of the Uniform by Meg Brandl

We are the West Monroe High School Rebel Band.

We wear our uniform because it defines us as musicians.

We wear our uniform because it defines us as a whole.

We wear our uniform because it defines us as individuals.

We wear our uniform because it defines all that we stand for.

We wear our uniform because it defines all that we wish to become.

We wear our uniform because it defines us as members of something great.

We wear:

The white plume for discipline

to show that our heads move not, that we are able to remain completely still and focused

The blue hat for service

to pull the uniform together, to remind us that our duty is to provide music as an outlet for emotion and creativity

The silver eagle emblem for nationalism

to remind us that we are Americans

The motto "E Pluribus Unum" for unity

to illustrate that many musicians make one band

The silver chain for commitment

to symbolize that we are bound to this band and that it will be whatever we make of it through our own hard work and dedication

The red band shirt for community

to help us feel that we are part of something big

The gray jacket for history

to echo our military past and mascot

The word "Rebs" on both arms for spirit

to support and glorify our school

The curvilinear white trim for joy

to lighten the mood and herald that we enjoy what we do

The silver buttons decorated with the symbol of the lyre for musicality

to signify that first and foremost we are musicians

The coattails for formality

to denote the seriousness of our task as musicians

The pleated blue pants for meticulousness

to prove that we are crisp and clean and thorough down to the last detail

The red stripes for symmetry

to aid in our looking alike, coming together, and playing well

The two-sided capes for flexibility

to indicate that we can change and adapt and overcome

The white field with the red WM design for pride

to proclaim where we come from and that we are one

The green plaid design for variety

to imply that we are all different and unique

The black socks for uniformity

to demonstrate that we all look the same and have come together for a common purpose

The black shoes for direction

to be a sign of the hope that we find meaning and purpose in our lives through our music

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