

Youth Arts Initiative – Scott Joplin
Cross Curricular Resource List

General Information on Joplin:

1. His Life
 - a. <http://www.lsjunction.com/people/joplin.htm>
 - b. <http://www.answers.com/topic/scott-joplin>
 - c. Where he lived with his wife Belle Joplin
<http://www.mostateparks.com/scottjoplin.htm>
2. Music
 - a. <http://www.lsjunction.com/midi/songs.htm> (scroll down to find Joplin)
 - b. The Entertainer <http://www.hypermusic.ca/jazz/samples/entertainer.mid>
 - c. Maple Leaf Rag
http://www.hypermusic.ca/jazz/samples/mapleleaf_rag.mid
3. Dance
 - a. Cakewalk
 - i. <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~ug03/lucas/cake.html>

Beginning Activities:

Math:

1. Timeline
 - a. Pick dates from Scott Joplin's life and have students arrange them on the chalkboard.
 - b. Students can use this to figure out how old Joplin was during important periods of his life.

Library:

1. Play Joplin music while students are in library.
2. Tell the story Treemonisha (one of Joplin's operas) through a picture walk.
3. Coloring page located here:
<http://library.thinkquest.org/10320/SJoplin.htm> (copy picture and paste into Microsoft word to enlarge)
4. Read Ragtime Tumpie by Alan Schroeder.

Ending Activities:

1. Have your class write thank you notes to Capitol Theater.
2. Students can draw pictures of what they experienced.
3. Write a small biography of Joplin's life based off of the timeline.