Youth Arts Initiative – Scott Joplin
Cross Curricular Resource List

General Information on Joplin:
1. His Life
   c. Where he lived with his wife Belle Joplin
      http://www.mostateparks.com/scottjoplin.htm
2. Music
   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.