

**1868-Scott Joplin was born.**

**1882-Joplin's mother buys him a piano.**

**1895-Joplin's first two songs are published.**

**1899- "The Maple Leaf Rag" is published.**

**1902-“The Entertainer”  
is published.**

**1911-Joplin’s opera,  
“Treemonisha” is pub-  
lished.**

**1917-Scott Joplin dies.**

**1976– Joplin is honored  
with the Pulitzer Prize.**