Music Chronology Activity



Cut out these images and glue them onto the music timeline.













Music Chronology Information

Phonograph cylinder

- Cylinder-shaped object with audio recording engraved on the outside surface
- Invented in 1877 by Thomas Edison
- Period of greatest popularity 1888-1915
- The best ones could only be played about 100 times

Gramophone records (became known as vinyl records when made with vinyl)

- Flat disc with inscribed spiral groove
- Invented in 1888 by Emile Berliner
- Only used in toys until 1894
- Patent expired in 1918, opening the market for producers and passing cylinders in popularity
- Most popular audio format until 1980s

Magnetic Tape Audio Recording

- Invented in 1898
- Reel to reel tape recorders developed in 1930s
- To compete with records, needed to develop casing so tape did not need to be threaded for each use
- Developed as EIGHT TRACK in 1963
- Popular from mid-1960s to early 1980s, phased out in retail stores by 1982
- Developed as AUDIO CASSETTE in 1963
- Mass production as music cassettes began in 1964
- Peaked in the late 1980s, beaten by CDs in the 1990s
- As of 2001, represented only 4% of music sales

Compact Discs

- Disc that stores digital data
- Invented 1976
- Commercially available by 1982
- Most popular medium by mid-1990s

MP3s

- Digital audio storage format
- Developed in 1990s, brought out for the public in 1994