

## Early History of Music Education

1. Beginnings of Music Education – The Singing School
  - a. around 1721 John Tufts had a psalm book published
  - b. Why did it start? To improve singing in church, wanted people to sing by rule rather than by rote.
  
2. When did public school music start? Boston Public 1838 Lowell Mason a renowned singing-school instructor and publisher of method books. Ran Boston Academy of Music.
  - a. BUT not in primary grades till 1864 or high school till 1869
  - b. It wasn't in all the schools in Boston till 1872!
  - c. In 1886 less than 250 school systems were regularly teaching music.
  
3. Turn of the Century - Rote vs. Note - Beginning of Method books and Controversy
  - a. Graded method books - Lowell Mason's "Song Garden" 1864-66
  - b. Loomis, "First Steps in Music" 1868-71 (prototype)
  - c. 1870-75 Luther Whiting Mason's National Music Course set standard for graded series.
  - d. Child-centered education - General Music
  
4. Instrumental Music Education
  - a. Why not prevalent in early America? Church origins favored vocal
  - b. FIRST INSTRUMENT INTRODUCED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS? Violin Maidstone 1898 - Murdock company began school violin lessons
  - c. Between 1900-1923 Emergence of school band.
    - i. 1923 in Chicago - National Band Contest - standardization of instrumentation Conn Company
  
5. Choral Music Education
  - a. The acappella movement of the 1930s put emphasis on unaccompanied, memorized singing. The St. Olaf choir epitomized.
  - b. Fred Waring started national radio broadcasts and national choral competitions

## Timeline of Significant Events in Contemporary Music Education

1957	Sputnik launched
1959	Woods Hole Conference on Education (Jerome Bruner - The Process of Education)
1959	Young Composers Project - Dello Joio Residencies in public schools
1962	became Contemporary Music Project MENC teacher training
1963	The Yale Seminar (NSF) Juilliard Repertory Project
1967	The Tanglewood Symposium (MENC) The Tanglewood Declaration
1965	The Manhattanville Music Curriculum Project MMCP Spiral Curriculum Synthesis Teacher Education
1965	Comprehensive Musicianship
1969	MENC Goals and Objectives
1994	National Standards for Arts Education - Coalition led by MENC
1999	Vision 20/20 MENC