# The History of SHEET MUSIC



## Origins



## 3000 B.C. - 300 AD:

Early versions of sheet music developed and used in ancient Mesopotamia

Used shapes to represent notes, similar to Egyptian hieroglyphics

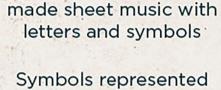
## 1st Century AD:

Earliest known example of a complete written song with lyrics.

Named: Seiklos Epitaph

Carved on a tombstone in Turkey

5th Century AD: Greek composers



pitch and duration of the notes









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Sheets created using engraved plates and lithography

Sheet music

very popular



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1860s



newspapers issue free sheet music as advertising tools

Music publishers begin printing advertisements

Early 20th Century:

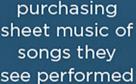


Sheet music sold to

the public displays

animated covers with photos and

illustrations



live

American

public begins

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Many covers reflect

transportation themes, as musicians

and performers

traveled by rail

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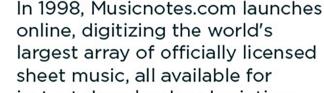
### Sheet music publication industry sees revenues over \$240M annually



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remember musical pieces.





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