



Music Virtual Learning

Honor Choir

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Objective/Learning Target:
Students will be able to discuss the evolution of portable music devices from the boombox to today.



Before you start...

How do you listen to music today?

How did your parents listen to music when they were your age?

How did your grandparents listen to music when they were your age?



Portable Music Devices

Since the beginning of music the most popular way people listened to music was live performances. However, this was difficult for most because you had to have the time and money to go to these performances. Eventually things like the phonograph and radio allowed people to listen to music at home. Today though, we are used to being able to listen to music just about anywhere we want thanks to portable technologies like phones.

Today we're going to learn about how portable music technology evolved into what we have today. This lesson is designed for you to go out and do some research on these topics.

The Evolution of Sound

This reading example will take you through the evolution of music technology from the boombox to the iPhone. Read it carefully and then answer the questions on the following pages.

[From Boombox to Iphone: The Evolution of Sound](#)





The Walkman and CD Players

1. What is the name of the company that developed the Walkman?
2. What form of media storage was used in the Walkman?
3. What was the name of the portable device made to play compact discs?





Early MP3 Players and the iPhone

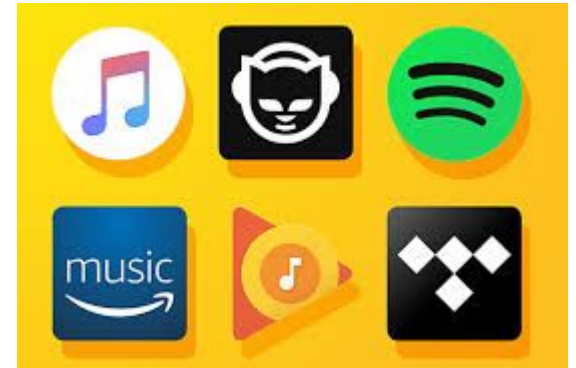
4. In what country was the first portable MP3 player developed? What was it called?
5. How many songs could it hold?
6. How many GBs could the first iPod hold? About how many songs would that hold?





Portable Music Today

Since Apple revolutionized portable music in 2001, anyone can listen to music just about anywhere and has access to millions of songs. Today we don't even have to download music onto our devices as they are connected to services like Spotify, Pandora, etc that we can stream music through.





Reflection: What's Next?

After hearing about the evolution of portable music, where do you think we are headed next?

How do you listen to music now?

How do you think you'll be listening to music in 10 years?

How do you think your grandchildren will be listening to music?

Design a device that people will be listening to music on in 30 years. You can write about it or maybe draw an illustration of it with an explanation.