

# Dance



Since ancient times, people have danced. Cave and rock paintings from as far back as 3300 B.C. show people dancing. People have danced for ritual, for celebration, and also just for fun!

Every culture has its own dance styles, and its own reasons for dancing. In ancient Greece, citizens would dance to honor gods and celebrate events. Ancient Egyptian women danced at funerals to express sadness. It was around Renaissance times that dance became something that people did for enjoyment.

In the 1600s, King Louis XIV of France enjoyed ballet, which helped make it popular with the public. Pretty soon, people were going to the theater to watch people dance, and it became into a true performing art. Now, there are all different styles of dance, from jazz to tap to hip-hop to salsa...and that's just in the Western world. All over the globe, there are countless styles of dancing, and countless reasons for it.

**Make up a dance to a favorite song. Draw each step in the boxes below.**

**Now make up a dance that tells a story. Pick a favorite book or a famous fairy tale.**