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Famous compositions-

- Scott Joplin's most famous work is the "Maple Leaf Rag". Published in 1899, it became one of the first pieces of instrumental music to sell over a million copies of sheet music, earned him the title of "King of Ragtime," and served as a model for future ragtime composition. He also wrote a song called 'The Entertainer', which is also very well known.

Name - Scott Joplin

Nationality - American



Born - 24th November 1868

Died - 1st April 1917

Type of music - Classical, Ragtime.

Interesting Facts -

- Scott was very lucky to learn music. Most Black American children around the time he was born would not have had this chance. His father certainly didn't want him to learn music. However his mother was keen. And a kind local music teacher taught him for free.
- He was the greatest composer of 'ragtime'. In fact he is often called the 'King of Ragtime'. (Ragtime is a mixture of Black American **folk music** and **classical music**. It is not quite jazz, but is certainly where a lot of the ideas for jazz came from.)
- He used piano rolls to record his music. A piano roll is a roll of paper with holes in it. This paper is fed into a special piano called a player piano. The piano player then reads the roll and plays itself!