

# What is SWING?



(Hopefully you have some ideas!)

# Types of Dances!



West Coast  
East Coast  
Lindy Hop  
Charleston

# History of the Dance

- Evolved in Harlem, in New York.
- Frankie Manning as the grandfather of swing.
  - First airstep, choreographed many of the popular swing moves and performances as seen in movies. (Hellzapoppin)
  - Savoy ballroom
  - World War II marks the end of popular swing dancing

# Music

- Dance is born from a certain type of music.
- Swung beat
  - Length given to the first eighth note
  - Feel this in the way you dance and the steps you perform
- Ella Fitzgerald, Chick Webb, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie

# The Swing Community

- Address this question:
  - What do you think about when you think of the swing community?
    - Social dance
    - Partner dance
    - Nonverbal communication

# Welcome!

“What do I love about swing? I love the music, the history, and the legacy the legends have left for us to learn from. It’s romantic, it’s powerful, and no other music I know of can move so many people. The bottom line is that it’s American music and it’s our heritage.”  
–Scotty Morris, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

# Trinity

- You
- Your partner
- And the MUSIC!