

## Body (2)

### II. Tap dancing Basics and Necessities

- a) What exactly is tap dancing? Definitions- According to the Merriam Webster dictionary the definition of tap dance is "a step dance tapped out audibly by means of shoes with hard soles or soles and heels to which taps have been added "
- b) So we know what it is now were ready to tap, Shoes-oxford/character style made with aluminum or metal taps screwed to the bottom on the ball and heel of the foot.
- c) Jargon and Basic Skills
  - i. Rhythm, sound coordination, timing skills and basic athleticism
  - ii. QUOTE-According to The Times Newspaper in an article featuring the art of tap dancing, "Tap dancing burns between 360-480 calories per hour"
  - iii. Tap Dancing can be as simple as a tap, a shuffle or as complex as a multilayer time step.

**(Transition- It doesn't matter how skilled you are in tap dancing, it can still be relevant to you today)**

## Body (3)

### III. Tap dancing TODAY!

- a) Inspired what kinds of dance? Stepping, hip-hop, and clogging
- b) Tap dancing is in movies (*Happy Feet*, *Singing in The Rain*, *Top Hat*), Broadway(*Cats*, *Chorus-Line*), Television (*So You Think You can Dance*)
- c) Tap dancing organizations that give under privileged youth the opportunity to dance and perform by holding lessons and giving away tap shoes. (*ATDF's Tap City Youth Ensemble*, *International Tap Association*, *Vancouver Tap Dance Society*)

## Conclusion

**Summary and Conclusion-**Tap dancing has enabled dancers to express positive and negative emotion through producing simple or complex rhythms with their feet. The historical background, key elements, and influences on our culture today make tap dancing a magical art form valued by many. No matter what your talent is, perform it with the conviction, which comes from knowledge, hard work, and passion.

I'll close with this, Doris Humphrey, a famous expert on dance captured what tap dancing means to me. QUOTE-*There are times when the simple dignity of movement can fulfill the function of a volume of words.*