

**19<sup>th</sup>-Century American Music Unit**

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***Chapter 7: A History of the Player Piano – The Beginnings of Consumer Music Technology***

**Important Terms & Names**

**1) What were some of the early attempts to automate musical instruments?**

**2) What was the mechanism behind the pianola that activated the music?**

**3) What elements of the player piano were standardized at a conference in 1908?**

**4) What were “word rolls”?**

**5) When did the popularity of the player piano peak and what led to its demise?**

**6) In what ways are player pianos and digital MIDI instruments similar?**