In the Beginning... . . .

Ancient History

• Greece
  – 800 B.C.-- Politically Organized
  – Beginning of Western Culture
• Rome
  – 146 A.D.-- Greece becomes a Roman province
  – Peace to most of Europe, Africa and Asia
  – 476 A.D.-- Fall of the Roman Empire
• Christianity
  – European bond for next 1000 years.

Ancient Greece

• What do we know????
• Mythology
  – 9 “Muses”, Orpheus (W/T #1)
  – Music is BASIC to Humanity
• Philosophy and Theory
  – Pythagoras
  – Plato
  – Aristotle
• Instruments
  – Lyre/Kithara  Apollo
  – Aulos  Dionysus
Greek Music

• Little “Music” Survives
• NAWM 1
  – 128-27 BC
  – Tombstone
  – Skolion/Drinking Song
• NAWM 2
  – 200 BC
  – Papyrus
  – Oresteia by Euripides
• Traits
  – Monophonic
  – Improvised
  – Melody-Rhythm-Poetry linked
• We know much more about their Musical Thought