

# **MODERN** Dance



### **Lesson 1: Modern Dance History Articles**

Below is information on the history of modern dance. It includes some videos that will identify the techniques and styles of each pioneer.

https://artsintegration.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Modern.pdf

https://1.cdn.edl.io/h3FxOXek1tJS0VZJOI06crnTDLvynL4PZNeXUDuLPKf1ijFW.pdf





### **Lesson 2: Modern Technique**

Below are some techniques that you can try or observe. They are some of the artists that are mentioned in the history. There are five different styles but feel free to explore some of the other sites. I challenge you to a 30 minute dance class daily.

#### **Resources:**

**Day 1-** This will get you stretched out and ready for Modern Technique: Pilates

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDDFS1kPpII&t=143s

**Day 2 -** This will introduce basic modern floor barre before working out: Modern dance floor barre

https://youtu.be/gFxesYqTL2Q





## Day 3 - Graham Technique

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX7YQxn7HVw&t=89shttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX7YQxn7HVw&t=89shttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX7YQxn7HVw&t=89s

Merce Cunningham - studied under Martha Graham before starting his own company <a href="https://youtu.be/9Wtnl32uvM4">https://youtu.be/9Wtnl32uvM4</a>









### Day 4 - Limon for Beginners

### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KewCcqtBTE&t=53

In the text book it mentioned methods of teaching to train the body correctly. Franklin Method is a great way of understanding the body from a dancer's point of view. Eric Franklin is a dancer and understands the body from that perspective. The website below offers all kinds of exercises that help the dancer to strength or correct areas of the body that need it.

Franklin Method

www.FranklinMethod.com





### Lesson 3: Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn

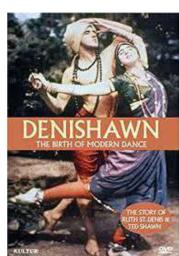
This is a video that introduces Ruth St. Denis.

The next video is the description of Jacob's Pillow that Ted Shawn founded for rehearsal and

performances.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42Hc6pvnI8A&feature=emb\_logo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3I1bLELmSeo&feature=emb\_logo





### Lesson 4: Martha Graham

Watch this short tribute to Martha Graham











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