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Charting the Charts

Instructions: The *Billboard* charts are one of the ways the music industry observes the public's tastes in popular music. This activity tracks a song on the *Billboard* charts and analyzes its movement for twenty weeks. See what happens over time, whether the song goes up or down or stays the same.

Step 1: Find a copy of *Billboard* magazine at a library or record store, or go to www.billboard.com.

Step 2: Pick a "chart" to review. Some of the choices are the *Billboard* Top 40 (recommended), Modern Rock Tracks, Hot Latin Tracks, and Hot Dance Music (on the Internet, click on Top 20 because you can't get into the complete chart without a membership). Write the chart name and song name on the blank lines here:

Name of the chart: _____

Name of the song: _____

Name of the performer: _____

Step 3: Using the following graph, chart the number your song holds each week. For example, if your song is number 14, make a mark in the Top 14 box in the graph and write the date in the space below it. Each week mark the place number (box) your song holds and write the date under it. If it falls below the Top 20, just put your mark in the 20+ box.

