

Black History

ELLA FITZGERALD



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

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b. False

c. True
d. False

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3. Ella Fitzgerald was known for her scat singing, a technique where a singer improvises using nonsense syllables.

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4. Ella Fitzgerald was a recipient of the Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Award.

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b. False

c. True
d. False

5. How did Ella Fitzgerald promote racial equality and social justice?

a. By organizing protests
b. Through her scat singing
c. By promoting racial equality
d. By composing protest songs

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Fitzgerald's impact on jazz and music in general was enormous, and her influence can be heard in many contemporary singers. Her career spanned several decades, and she earned 13 Grammy Awards, including the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and was a recipient of the Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Award. She was also a civil rights activist, and she used her platform to promote racial equality and social justice.

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Fitzgerald began her career in the 1930s, singing in various bands and clubs before being discovered by bandleader Chick Webb. She went on to become a star with Webb's band and later as a solo artist. She recorded over 200 albums and composed over 1,000 songs, including "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," "It's Only a Paper Moon," and "Misty."

In conclusion, Ella Fitzgerald was an American jazz singer and songwriter, widely considered one of the greatest jazz vocalists of all time. She recorded over 200 albums and composed over 1,000 songs. Her singing was characterized by her clear, powerful voice, her ability to convey emotion and her wide range of vocal styles, particularly her scat singing. Her impact on jazz and music in general was enormous, and her influence can be heard in many contemporary singers. She was also a civil rights activist, and she used her platform to promote racial equality and social justice.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- Where did Ella Fitzgerald pass away?
a. Newport News, Virginia
b. New York City, New York
c. Beverly Hills, California
d. Chicago, Illinois
- What vocal technique was Ella Fitzgerald known for, where a singer improvises using nonsense syllables?
a. Falsetto singing

ANSWERS

DATE: _____

THE CORRECT ANSWER

gerald born?

did Ella Fitzgerald record during her career, as mentioned in

discovered Ella Fitzgerald and helped her become a star?

- What is one of Ella Fitzgerald's famous compositions mentioned in the paragraph?
a. "My Favorite Things"
b. "A-Tisket, A-Tasket"
c. "Round Midnight"
d. "Blue Monk"
- How did Ella Fitzgerald contribute to the civil rights movement, as mentioned in the paragraph?
a. By organizing protests
b. Through her scat singing technique
c. By promoting racial equality and social justice
d. By composing protest songs

READING COMPREHENSION

ANSWERS

- When was Ella Fitzgerald born?
- Answer: a. April 25, 1925
- How many albums did Ella Fitzgerald record?
- Answer: b. Over 200
- Which bandleader discovered Ella Fitzgerald?
- Answer: a. Chick Webb
- What is one of Ella Fitzgerald's famous compositions?
- Answer: b. "A-Tisket, A-Tasket"
- How did Ella Fitzgerald contribute to the civil rights movement?
- Answer: c. By promoting racial equality and social justice
- Where did Ella Fitzgerald pass away?
- Answer: c. Beverly Hills, California
- What vocal technique was Ella Fitzgerald known for, where a singer improvises using nonsense syllables?
- Answer: c. Scat singing
- How many Grammy Awards did Ella Fitzgerald win?
- Answer: c. 13
- Which award did Ella Fitzgerald receive that recognizes her lifetime achievement?
- Answer: b. Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award
- In addition to her vocal prowess, what else did Ella Fitzgerald do?
- Answer: d. Composing over 1,000 songs

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DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. When was Ella Fitzgerald born?
a. April 25, 1917
b. May 15, 1925
c. June 25, 1917
d. April 15, 1920
2. How many albums did Ella Fitzgerald record during her career, as mentioned in the paragraph?
a. Over 100
b. Over 200
c. Over 300
d. Over 400
3. Which bandleader discovered Ella Fitzgerald and helped her become a star?
a. Duke Ellington
b. Benny Goodman
c. Chick Webb
d. Count Basie

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

6. Where did Ella Fitzgerald pass away?
a. Newport News, Virginia
b. New York
c. California

technique was Ella Fitzgerald known for, where a singer improvises
lyrics?
a. Scat singing
b. Harmonizing
c. Improvisation
d. Rhythm

Grammy Awards did Ella Fitzgerald earn during her career,
as mentioned in the paragraph?

award did Ella Fitzgerald receive that recognizes her contributions over
her career?
a. Grammy Award for Best Female Jazz Vocal Performance
b. Lifetime Achievement Award
c. Kennedy Center Honors
d. National Medal of Freedom

In addition to her vocal prowess, what else did Ella Fitzgerald contribute to
the music world, as mentioned in the paragraph?
a. Composing symphonies
b. Producing electronic music
c. Developing a new genre of jazz
d. Composing over 1,000 songs

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- Answer: b. "A-Tisket, A-Tasket"
5. How did Ella Fitzgerald contribute to the civil rights movement, as mentioned in the paragraph?
- Answer: c. By promoting racial equality and social justice
6. Where did Ella Fitzgerald pass away?
- Answer: c. Beverly Hills, California
7. What vocal technique was Ella Fitzgerald known for, where a singer improvises using nonsense syllables?
- Answer: a. Scat singing
8. How many Grammy Awards did Ella Fitzgerald earn during her career, according to the paragraph?
- Answer: c. 5
9. Which award did Ella Fitzgerald receive that recognizes her contributions over a lifetime in music?
- Answer: b. Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award
10. In addition to her vocal prowess, what else did Ella Fitzgerald contribute to the music world, as mentioned in the paragraph?
- Answer: d. Composing over 1,000 songs

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