

Black History

JAMES BALDWIN



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

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- A) Science Fiction
 - B) Romance
 - C) Race, identity, and experience
 - D) Historical fiction

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James Baldwin was an American novelist, playwright, and civil rights activist. He is considered one of the most important figures of the Civil Rights Movement and is best known for his powerful and thought-provoking literature that explored race, identity, and social injustice. Baldwin's work is known for its honesty, insight and its ability to capture the complexities of the human experience.

Baldwin was born in New York City in 1924 and grew up in poverty. He left school at the age of 14 and eventually moved to Paris in 1948, where he began to write seriously. His first novel, "Go Tell It on the Mountain" was published in 1953 and was critically acclaimed. He went on to write several more novels, including "Giovanni's Room" and "Another Country," as well as essays and plays.

Baldwin was also an active participant in the Civil Rights Movement, giving speeches and participating in protests throughout the United States. He was a close friend of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, and his work and activism played a significant role in the struggle for racial equality.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Why did James Baldwin move up in poverty?

known for its exploration of the human condition, particularly the experience of being a Black man in America.

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and participating in protests.

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Baldwin was also an active participant in the Civil Rights Movement, giving speeches and participating in protests throughout the United States. He was a close friend of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, and his work and activism helped to bring attention to the struggles of African Americans.

Baldwin's legacy continues to be celebrated today as one of the most important voices of the Civil Rights Movement. His work continues to be read, studied and celebrated for its ability to capture the complexities of race relations and the human condition. He was an advocate for the marginalized and his writing reflects his deep understanding of the complexities of the human experience, particularly the experience of being black in America. Baldwin's work continues to inspire and to have an impact on American culture, literature and society.

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- Who were two prominent figures James Baldwin was close friends with during the Civil Rights Movement?
 - A) Rosa Parks and WEB Du Bois
 - B) Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X
 - C) Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass
 - D) Angela Davis and Booker T. Washington
- What is one of the key themes explored in James Baldwin's literature?
 - A) Science Fiction
 - B) Romance
 - C) Race, identity, and social injustice
 - D) Historical Fiction

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- In which city did James Baldwin grow up in poverty?
 - A) Paris
 - B) New York City
 - C) London
 - D) Atlanta
- Which of James Baldwin's novels is known for its exploration of the complexities of race relations and the human condition, particularly the experience of being black in America?

ANSWERS

DATE: _____

THE CORRECT ANSWER

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ANSWERS

- Where was James Baldwin born?
- Answer: C) New York City
- What was the title of James Baldwin's first novel?
- Answer: C) Go Tell It on the Mountain
- At what age did James Baldwin leave school seriously?
- Answer: D) 14
- Who were two prominent figures James Baldwin was close friends with during the Civil Rights Movement?
- Answer: B) Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X
- What is one of the key themes explored in James Baldwin's literature?
- Answer: C) Race, identity, and social injustice
- In which city did James Baldwin grow up in poverty?
- Answer: B) New York City
- Which of James Baldwin's novels is known for its exploration of the complexities of race relations and the human condition, particularly the experience of being black in America?
- Answer: C) Giovanni's Room
- What year did James Baldwin move to Paris to begin writing seriously?
- Answer: A) 1948
- What role did James Baldwin play in the Civil Rights Movement?
- Answer: B) Active participant, giving speeches and participating in protests
- How is James Baldwin's legacy celebrated today?
- Answer: C) His work is read, studied, and celebrated for its impact on American culture, literature, and society.

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NAME: _____

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DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Where was James Baldwin born?
- A) Paris
- B) London
- C) New York City
- D) Atlanta
2. What was the title of James Baldwin's first critically acclaimed novel published in 1953?
- A) Giovanni's Room
- B) Another Country
- C) Go Tell It on the Mountain
- D) The Fire Next Time
3. At what age did James Baldwin leave school and move to Paris to pursue writing seriously?
- A) 16
- B) 18
- C) 20
- D) 22

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

6. In which city did James Baldwin grow up in poverty?
- A) Paris

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Did James Baldwin move to Paris to begin writing seriously?

Did James Baldwin play in the Civil Rights Movement?
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participant, giving speeches and participating in protests
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James Baldwin's legacy celebrated today?
rough annual parades
rough film festivals
work is read, studied, and celebrated for its impact on American
culture, literature, and society
rough a national holiday in his honor

ANSWERS

1. Where was James Baldwin born?
- Answer: C) New York City
2. What was the title of James Baldwin's first critically acclaimed novel published in 1953?
- Answer: C) Go Tell It on the Mountain
3. At what age did James Baldwin leave school and move to Paris to pursue writing seriously?
- Answer: D) 22
4. Who were two prominent figures James Baldwin was close friends with during the Civil Rights Movement?
- Answer: B) Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X
5. What is one of the key themes explored in James Baldwin's literature?
- Answer: C) Race, identity, and social injustice
6. In which city did James Baldwin grow up in poverty?
- Answer: B) New York City
7. Which of James Baldwin's novels is known for its exploration of the complexities of race relations and the human condition, particularly the experience of being black in America?
- Answer: C) The Fire Next Time
8. What year did James Baldwin move to Paris to begin writing seriously?
- Answer: A) 1958
9. What role did James Baldwin play in the Civil Rights Movement?
- Answer: B) Active participant, giving speeches and participating in protests
10. How is James Baldwin's legacy celebrated today?
- Answer: C) His work is read, studied, and celebrated for its impact on American culture, literature, and society.

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QUESTIONS

ANSWER KEY
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CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGNIZERS INCLUDED

GROUP ACTIVITY

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WHAT I THINK _____

ANNOTATING MARKS

- ✓ Circle powerful words or phrases.
- ✓ Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Place a question mark next to something you don't understand.
- ✓ Write an exclamation mark next to something you find interesting.

SUMMARIZE

Write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.

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MAIN IDEA

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MAIN IDEA _____

SUPPORTING DETAILS #1 _____

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2 _____

SUPPORTING DETAILS #3 _____

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