

Black History

MARIAN ANDERSON



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

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Anderson began her career as a singer in the 1920s and made her professional debut in 1925. She quickly rose to prominence as a concert singer, and her performances earned her critical acclaim and a devoted following. She was particularly known for her performances of spirituals, which were an important part of her repertoire.

Anderson's career was also characterized by her commitment to civil rights and social justice. She was an advocate for the rights of African Americans and used her platform to speak out against racism and discrimination. In 1939, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) denied her the right to perform at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. because of her race. This led to a public protest and the First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt resigned from the organization in protest. Anderson eventually performed at the Lincoln Memorial.

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Marian Anderson's career spanned several decades, and she continued to perform and speak out on political issues until her retirement in 1965. Her work has had a significant impact on American culture and politics, and she is still remembered today for her contributions to classical music and for her role in the Civil Rights Movement. She was also the first African-American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City in 1955.

In conclusion, Marian Anderson was an American contralto singer and civil rights activist. She was one of the most celebrated classical singers of her time, known for her powerful and emotive performances and her wide-ranging repertoire. Her career was also characterized by her commitment to civil rights and social justice and she used her platform to speak out against racism and

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- When did Marian Anderson make her professional debut as a singer?
a. 195
b. 1920
c. 1925
d. 1930
- What genre of music was Marian Anderson particularly known for performing?
a. Jazz

ANSWER QUESTIONS

DATE: _____

WRITE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

When was Marian Anderson born?

When did Marian Anderson die?
a. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
b. New York

What event in 1939 involving the Daughters of the American Revolution did the paragraph?

What was the significance of Anderson's retirement?
a. Her resignation at the Metropolitan Opera

- Why was Marian Anderson denied the right to perform at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. in 1939?
a. Lack of talent
b. Political reasons
c. Racial discrimination
d. Scheduling conflicts
- What significant achievement did Marian Anderson reach in 1955?
a. Winning a Grammy Award
b. Performing at Carnegie Hall
c. First African-American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera
d. Establishing her own record label

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ANSWERS

- When was Marian Anderson born?
- Answer: a. January 27, 1897
- In which city did Marian Anderson die?
- Answer: c. Eleanor Roosevelt's resignation
- What important event in 1939 involving the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is mentioned in the paragraph?
- Answer: c. Racial discrimination
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- When did Marian Anderson make her professional debut?
- Answer: c. 1925
- What genre of music was Marian Anderson particularly known for performing?
- Answer: c. Spirituals
- Who resigned from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in protest of Marian Anderson being denied the right to perform?
- Answer: b. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt
- When did Marian Anderson retire from her singing career?
- Answer: b. 1965
- What role did Marian Anderson play in breaking racial barriers in classical music?
- Answer: c. First African-American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera

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1. When was Marian Anderson born?
a. January 27, 1897
b. February 5, 1890
c. March 5, 1901
d. April 8, 1895
2. In which city did Marian Anderson die?
a. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
b. New York City, New York
c. Washington, D.C.
d. Portland, Oregon
3. What important event in 1939 involving the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is mentioned in the paragraph?
a. A public protest
b. Marian Anderson's retirement
c. Eleanor Roosevelt's resignation
d. Anderson's death

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African-American conductor at the New York Philharmonic
African-American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera
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- ✓ 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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SUPPORTING DETAILS #1 _____

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2 _____

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