

Black History

JOSEPHINE BAKER



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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In conclusion, Josephine Baker was an American-born French dancer, singer, and actress who became a major star in Europe in the 1920s and 1930s. She was a sensation in the French capital, performing at the Folies Bergere and other venues, and her exotic, sensual stage presence made her an instant sensation. Her performances were characterized by her athletic and acrobatic dance style, her striking beauty, and her uninhibited, charismatic stage presence. She was also a civil rights activist, and she used her platform to promote racial equality and social justice. She was the first African American woman to star in a major motion picture, *ZouZou* (1931).

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- In which famous Parisian venue did Josephine Baker perform, contributing to her international fame?
a. Moulin Rouge
b. The Lido
c. Folies Bergere
d. Crazy Horse
- What dance style characterized Josephine Baker's performances, as mentioned in the paragraph?

ANSWERS

DATE: _____

THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. In which famous Parisian venue did Josephine Baker perform?
Louis, Missouri
France
New York City
8, Chicago, Illinois

2. What dance style characterized Josephine Baker's performances?

3. What were Josephine Baker's trademarks, mentioned in the paragraph?

4. When did Josephine Baker continue to perform and tour, according to the paragraph?

5. Which major motion picture featured Josephine Baker as the first African American woman in a starring role?

- The Jazz Singer (1927)
- Casablanca (1942)
- ZouZou (1931)
- One with the Wind (1939)

6. Until when did Josephine Baker continue to perform and tour, according to the paragraph?

- 1940s
- 1950s
- 1960s
- 1970s

READING COMPREHENSION

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ANSWERS

- When and where was Josephine Baker born?
- Answer: a. June 3, 1906, St. Louis, Missouri
- In which city did Josephine Baker find international fame?
- Answer: b. Paris, France
- What was one of Josephine Baker's trademarks?
- Answer: c. Banana dance costume
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- Until when did Josephine Baker continue to perform and tour?
- Answer: c. 1960s
- In which famous Parisian venue did Josephine Baker perform, contributing to her international fame?
- Answer: a. Folies Bergere
- What dance style characterized Josephine Baker's performances?
- Answer: a. Athletic and acrobatic
- What was Josephine Baker's birth name before she became a French Josephine McDonald?
- Answer: b. Freda
- Which city did Josephine Baker die in?
- Answer: b. Paris, France
- What groundbreaking achievement is mentioned in the paragraph?
- Answer: c. First African American woman to star in a major motion picture

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. When and where was Josephine Baker born?
 - a. June 3, 1906, St. Louis, Missouri
 - b. July 12, 1912, Paris, France
 - c. March 5, 1920, New York City
 - d. September 18, 1898, Chicago, Illinois
2. In which city did Josephine Baker find international fame in the 1920s and 1930s?
 - a. London, England
 - b. Paris, France
 - c. Berlin, Germany
 - d. Rome, Italy
3. What was one of Josephine Baker's trademarks, mentioned in the paragraph?
 - a. Feathered boa
 - b. Pearl necklace
 - c. Banana dance costume
 - d. Sequined gown

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Baker as the first African

yle characterized Josephine Baker's performances, as paragraph?

acrobatic

Josephine Baker's birth name before she became a star?

Josephine McDonald
Marie Johnson
Luse Brown
Thompson

Where did Josephine Baker die in?

Missouri
Paris
New York City, New York
Germany

What groundbreaking achievement is mentioned in the paragraph regarding Baker's contribution to civil rights?

African American woman to win an Academy Award
African American woman to lead a civil rights movement
African American woman to star in a major motion picture
African American woman to perform at the White House

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- Answer: c. Folies Bergeres
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- Answer: c. First African American woman to star in a major motion picture

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- ✓ Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Place a question mark next to words or phrases that make you think.
- ✓ Write an exclamation point 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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