

Q Women History Month

MAYA ANGELOU



Reading Comprehension

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MAYA ANGELOU	
Comprehension Questions	
DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.	
1. When was Maya Angelou born? a. April 3, 1924 b. April 4, 1928 c. April 5, 1929 d. May 4, 1928	
2. What challenged her? a. Economic b. Racism, p. 1 c. Disease d. Health issue	
3. What role did she hold in San Francisco? a. Teacher b. Lawyer c. Streetcar d. Mayor	
4. In which decade did she publish her first book? a. 1940s b. 1950s c. 1960s d. 1970s	
5. Maya Angelou was born in a. New Orleans b. San Francisco c. New York d. Harlem	
6. What is the title of her first book? a. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings b. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings c. The Little Resilience d. Resilience	
MAYA ANGELOU	
EARLY LIFE	
Maya Angelou, the celebrated poet, memoirist, and rights activist, was born on April 4, 1928, in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. Maya's early years were marked by hardship and discrimination, as she faced racism, poverty, and trauma due to her diverse heritage. Despite these challenges, Maya's indomitable spirit and love for literature sustained her through difficult times, instilling in her a passion for writing and storytelling.	
PURSUIT OF EDUCATION	
Maya Angelou's passion for literature and writing as a way to overcome Black woman in mid-20th-century American racism, Angelou undertook diverse nightclubs, dancer, and singer, to sustain her passion for writing. Her groundbreaking achievement to know ground-breaking achievement as she became a poet, a dancer, a actress, a conductor, reflects not only the resilience in it but also the transformative power of societal barriers.	
LITERARY CAREER	
Maya Angelou's entry into the literary world unfolded in the 1950s with her relocation to New York City and active participation in the Harlem Renaissance. In 1961, she published her debut autobiography, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." This work garnered universal acclaim for its poignant candor and	

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Throughout her life, Maya Angelou was a passionate advocate for civil rights and social justice. She worked closely with leaders of the civil rights movement, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, using her platform to raise awareness and to speak out about the struggles of African Americans and marginalized communities. Maya's powerful words and unwavering commitment to equality inspired countless people to stand up against injustice and oppression.

ACHIEVEMENT

Maya Angelou's literary achievements have earned her widespread recognition and accolades. Her work has won numerous awards and honors throughout her lifetime, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the National Medal of Arts, and three Grammy Awards for her spoken word albums. Maya's contributions to literature and social activism have left an indelible mark on American culture and inspired generations of writers and activists.

IMPACT

Maya Angelou's impact extends far beyond the realms of her words. Her powerful messages of resilience, self-love, and hope have touched the hearts and minds of millions, providing comfort, inspiration, and hope in times of adversity. Maya's message of resilience, self-love, and hope continues to resonate with people from all backgrounds, reminding us of the power to heal, uplift, and unite.



LEGACY

Maya Angelou's legacy as a writer and cultural icon continues to inspire generations and backgrounds. Her compassion and strength have left an indelible mark on the world, reminding us of the importance of empathy, equality, and the pursuit of justice. As a voice for the voiceless and a champion for change, Maya's legacy will endure for generations to come.



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PURSUIT OF EDUCATION

Maya Angelou's passion for literature and education fueled towards a career as a writer, overcoming formidable challenges as a Black woman in mid-20th-century America. In her pursuit of sufficiency, Angelou took on diverse roles, including the nightclub dancer and singer, to sustain herself financially. She eventually pursued a college education for higher education. Maya's unwavering commitment to knowledge and education is a groundbreaking achievement, as she became the first Black woman to hold the position of a streetcar conductor in San Francisco. This reflects not only the resilience of an individual overcame but also the transformative power of education in breaking societal barriers.

LITERARY CAREER

Maya Angelou's entry into the literary world unfolded her relocation to New York City and active participation in the Writers Guild. The pinnacle of her literary career came with the publication of her debut autobiography, "I Know Why I Sing." This work garnered universal acclaim for its eloquent prose, establishing Angelou as a formidable writer. Underpinned by the challenges of delving into personal experiences and the creation of compelling narrative, her autobiographies, complemented by her contributions to poetry and plays. Maya's literary endeavors earned her a range of accolades, cementing her legacy as a distinguished figure in the world of literature.

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Answers Key

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS:

- April 4, 1928
- Racism, poverty, and trauma
- Streetcar conductor
- New York City
- Why I Sing and Bessie
- Grammy Awards
- Activists and cultural impact

EXPLANATORY QUESTIONS:

- Maya Angelou was born in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, in 1928.
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- Maya Angelou became the first Black woman to work as a streetcar conductor in San Francisco.
- New York City played a crucial role in Maya Angelou's literary journey in the 1960s.

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1. When was Maya Angelou born?

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2. What challenges did Maya Angelou face during her early years?

- a. Economic struggles
- b. Racism, poverty, and trauma
- c. Lack of education
- d. Health issues

3. What role did Maya Angelou become the first Black woman to hold in San Francisco?

- a. Teacher
- b. Lawyer
- c. Streetcar conductor
- d. Mayor

4. In which decade did Maya Angelou publish her debut autobiography, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"?

- a. 1940s
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- d. 1970s

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Answers Key

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- 2. d. Racism, poverty, and trauma
- 3. c. Streetcar conductor
- 4. d. New York City
- 5. a. "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"
- 6. b. 1960s
- 7. d. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X
- 8. a. National Book Award
- 9. c. Adversity and cultural impact
- 10. b. Activism and cultural impact

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7. Maya Angelou worked closely with which leaders in the civil rights movement?

- a. Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela
- b. Malcolm X and Maya Lin
- c. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X
- d. Cesar Chavez

8. What did Maya Angelou receive for her spoken word

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