



# Women History Month

## BILLIE JEAN KING

### Reading Comprehension



#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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a) 1968

#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- In which city was Billie Jean King born?  
a) Los Angeles, California  
b) Long Beach, California  
c) New York City, New York  
d) Chicago, Illinois
- How many Grand Slam titles did Billie Jean King win?  
a) 20  
b) 30  
c) 34  
d) 50
- In which decade did Billie Jean King become a professional tennis player?  
a) 1950s  
b) 1960s and 1970s  
c) 1980s  
d) 1990s
- What was the result of the King and Bobby Riggs match?  
a) King's victory  
b) Riggs' victory  
c) Draw  
d) Postponed
- Besides her tennis achievements, what did Billie Jean King advocate for?  
a) Women's Equality Act  
b) Women's Sports Foundation  
c) Women's Athletic Association  
d) Women's Tennis Association

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Billie Jean King's story is a powerful platform for social change.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, let us remember the power of sports to understand the world and each individual has the potential to contribute to a more inclusive and equitable future.

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# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

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Billie Jean King's story provides an inspiring example of how sports can be a platform for social change.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, Billie Jean King's legacy encourages us to understand the power of resilience, activism, and breaking barriers. Her story serves as a reminder that sports can be a catalyst for social progress and that each individual has the potential to contribute to a more inclusive and equitable world.

## READING COMPREHENSION

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6. In what year did the "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match take place?  
a) 1968  
b) 1972  
c) 1973  
d) 1980
7. What societal issues did Billie Jean King champion beyond her tennis career?  
a) Environmental conservation  
b) Racial justice

### ANSWERS

- DATE: \_\_\_\_\_
1. The correct answer is **6. 1973**.
2. Billie Jean King was born in Long Beach, California, in 1943.
3. King's victory in the "Battle of the Sexes" match in 1973 was a significant moment for women's sports and gender equality.
4. Billie Jean King co-founded the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) and the Women's Sports Foundation.
5. King's activism extended to broader societal issues, including LGBTQ+ rights and environmental conservation.
6. The "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match took place in 1973.
7. Billie Jean King championed issues such as environmental conservation and racial justice.

4. What was the result of the "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs?

- a) King's victory
- b) Riggs' victory
- c) Draw
- d) Postponed

5. Besides her tennis achievements, what did Billie Jean King co-found to advocate for equal opportunities for female athletes?

- a) Women's Equality Association
- b) Women's Sports Foundation
- c) Women's Athletic Alliance
- d) Women's Tennis Union

### ANSWERS

1. b) Long Beach, California
2. c) 1973
3. b) 1960s and 1970s
4. a) King's victory
5. b) Women's Sports Foundation
6. c) 1973
7. a) LGBTQ+ rights
8. a) Legislation promoting gender equality in sports
9. c) Coming out as LGBTQ+
10. b) The power of resilience, activism, and breaking barriers

# CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS INCLUDED

**GROUP ACTIVITY**

TITLE OF TEXT \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT I THINK \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNOTATING MARKS**

- ✓ Circle powerful words or phrases.
- ✓ 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**

TITLE OF TEXT \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIN IDEA \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #1 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #3 \_\_\_\_\_

**VOCABULARY GRAPHIC ORGANIZER**

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