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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Maya Angelou

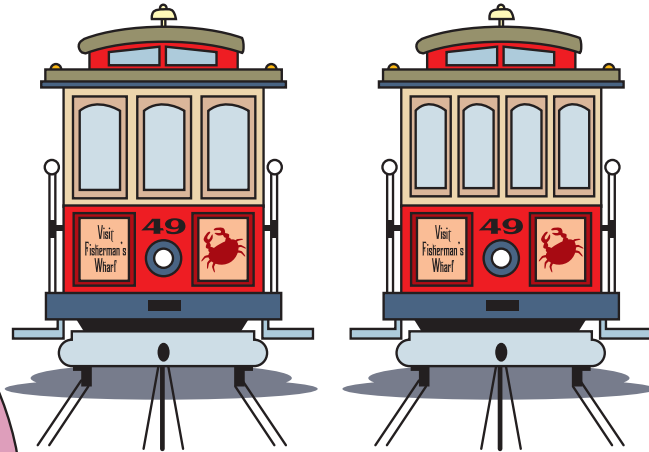
Maya Angelou was born Marguerite Ann Johnson on April 4, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri. Today she is one of the most honored women in the world, recognized as a poet, memoirist, novelist, educator, dramatist, producer, actress, historian, filmmaker and civil rights activist. She has won three Grammys for her spoken-word albums, and in 2011, President Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom for inspiring young people with her words.



she was moved from home to home for many years, living in turn with her mother, her grandmother and her father. For a while she was homeless.

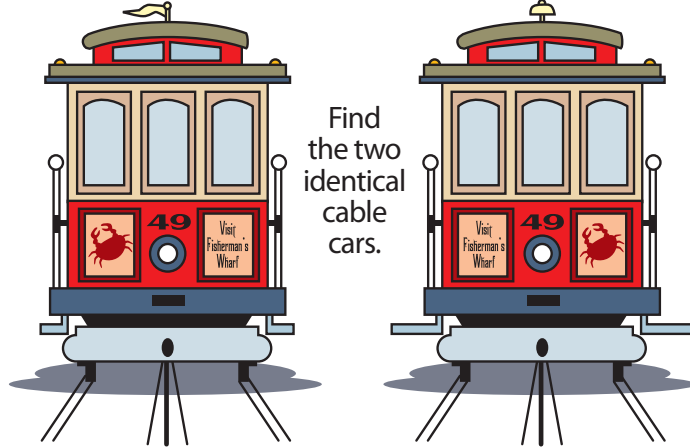
But she didn't let the poverty, pain or suffering of her childhood destroy her. In response, she created works of art.

Maya's life didn't have an easy start. After her parents' divorce,



Cable Car Conductor

As a young woman, Maya was San Francisco's first African-American female cable car conductor. She worked hard to support herself and her son.

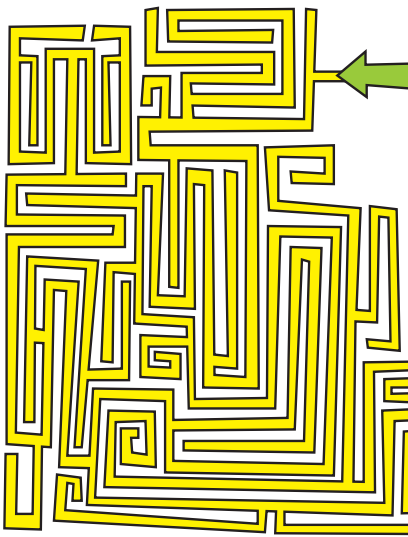


Find the two identical cable cars.

Look at the list of art forms. Circle the ones with even numbers. These are art forms that helped Maya become famous.

- 16 + 16 = Feature film
- 6 + 2 + 14 = Poetry
- 6 + 8 + 10 = The novel
- 9 + 9 + 6 = Dance
- 18 + 9 + 3 = Acting
- 14 + 8 + 6 = Singing
- 13 + 13 = Spoken word

Standards Link: History: Students understand that specific individuals can have a great impact on history.



Singer and Dancer

Maya loved to perform. She started singing and dancing in nightclubs and changed her name to Maya Angelou. *Maya* came from her brother's nickname for her, "my-a-sister." *Angelou* came from her first husband's name, *Angelos*.

After Maya was cast in the opera *Porgy and Bess*, she traveled throughout Europe performing in the show. While on tour, she learned the languages of the countries she visited. Follow the maze to see which languages she learned.

- SPANISH
- ITALIAN
- ARABIC
- FANTI*
- FRENCH
- GERMAN
- RUSSIAN
- ARABIC
- FANTI*
- GREEK

*A West African language

Standards Link: Behavioral Studies: Understand that people learn about each other in different ways.

Let's Talk About It

Maya's first book was an autobiography. Based upon what you know of Maya's life, what do you think the title means to her?

Standards Link: Comprehension: Respond to questions citing evidence.

JOURNALIST

In 1960, Maya moved to Cairo, Egypt and became the editor of an English language weekly newspaper.

What was the name of the newspaper that hired Maya as an editor? Use the code to find out!



- Red/Blue = A
- Blue/Yellow = B
- Green/Red = C
- Yellow/Blue = D
- Red/Yellow = E
- Blue/Red = F
- Green/Yellow = G
- Red/Orange = H
- Blue/Red = I
- Blue/Orange = J
- Red/Blue = K
- Blue/Red = L
- Red/Blue = M
- Blue/Red = N
- Red/Blue = O
- Blue/Red = P
- Red/Blue = Q
- Blue/Red = R
- Red/Blue = S
- Blue/Red = T
- Red/Blue = U
- Blue/Red = V

Writer

Maya died in 2014. She published more than 30 best-selling books. She wrote a series of books about her life. To discover the name of her first book, hold this page up to a mirror.

I know why the Caged Bird sings

Extra! Extra!

Create a Maya Angelou Poster

From the newspaper, select images and words that represent Maya Angelou. Use these to make a poster about her.

Standards Link: Visual Art: Know a range of subject matter in the arts.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Maya is one of four poets in U.S. history to read a poem at a presidential inauguration (the others being Robert Frost, Amanda Gorman and Elizabeth Alexander). The poem Maya read is "On the Pulse of Morning." Here is the last stanza. Can you replace the missing vowels?

Here _n the p_lse of th_s new d_y
 You m_y have the gr_ce to look _p and o_t
 And int_yo_r s_ster's _yes, int_
 Y__r br_ther's f_ce, your c__ntry
 And s_y s_mply
 V_ry s_mply
 With h_pe—
 G__d m_rning.



Source: america.gov

Standards Link: Art: Know that ideas are used to communicate meaning.

Double Double Word Search

- JOURNALIST
- LANGUAGES
- CONDUCTOR
- PERFORM
- POVERTY
- HISTORY
- POETRY
- EDITOR
- PULSE
- OPERA
- CAGED
- CABLE
- TEXT
- PAIN
- ART

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



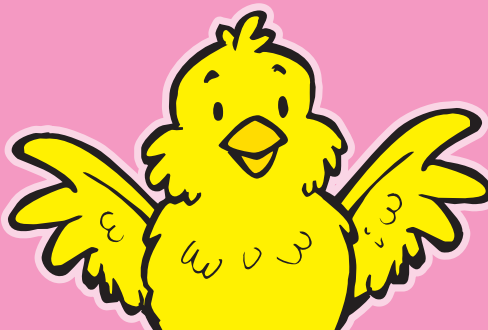
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Picture Details

Good writing includes lots of interesting details. Practice being a detail detective by carefully studying a photograph from the newspaper. Then, make a list of all of the details you observe. Can you list 25 or more?

Standards Link: Investigation: Know that understanding comes from detailed investigation.



When is the best time to buy canaries?

ANSWER: When they're going cheap!



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