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Maya Angelou

aya 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.

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

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 = Poetry6 + 8 + 10 =The novel 9 + 9 + 6 = Dance

18 + 9 + 3 = Acting14 + 8 + 6 = Singing**13** + **13** = **Spoken word**

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

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

from her first husband's name, Angelos.

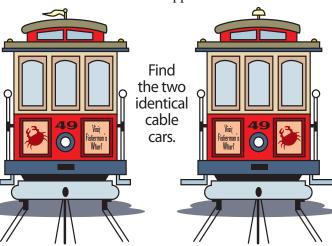
which languages she learned.

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



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.



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!







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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

Create a Mava Angelou

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.

Poster Let's Talk From the **About It**

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

SPANISH

ITALIAN

ARABIC

FRENCH

*A West African language

Standards Link: Behavioral Studies: Understand

FANTI*

GERMAN

RUSSIAN

ARABIC FANTI*

GREEK

Standards Link: Comprehension: Respond to questions citing evidence.

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

JOURNALIST LANGUAGES CONDUCTOR PERFORM POVERTY HISTORY

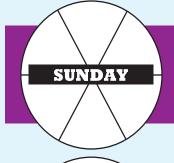
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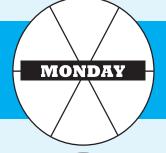
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

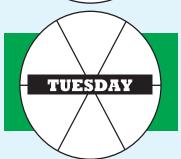
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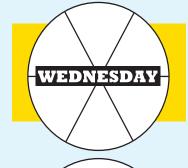
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical

Can you do something physically active for one hour every day of the week? Complete the circle charts below, one for each day of the week. Each wedge in the charts equals 10 minutes. If you dance for 20 minutes, color in two wedges. If you play basketball for one hour, fill in an entire circle.

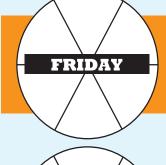








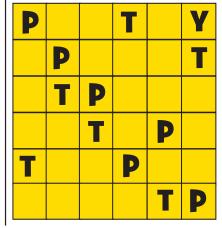






Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand how to monitor and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness.

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word POETRY in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



FROM THE

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.



ART

When is the best time to buy canaries?

ANSWER: When they're going cheap!

Who is the woman you most admire? Explain why.