

Maya Angelou

Scavenger Hunt

Instructions: Use the following sites to locate information about Maya Angelou. No one site will contain all of the information, so it will be necessary for you to assess more than one. Try to state your answers in complete sentences; however, you may use lists when appropriate. Your responses should be typed, double-spaced. You will be graded on completeness (fully answered questions), legibility, and accuracy (spelling, correct punctuation, capitalization, and grammar).

This assignment is due on _____. Points_____

1. When and where was she born? *April 14, 1928; St. Louis, Missouri*
2. What is her birth name? *Marguerite Johnson*
3. In addition to being a poet, what other roles has Maya Angelou played?
Author, playwright, actress, historian, editor, professor, producer, director, civil rights activist. She has been a dancer, a cook, and a cable car conductor.
4. Identify prestigious awards she has earned?
Pulitzer Prize; National Book Award nominations
5. What organization did Martin Luther King, Jr. request that she head?
The Southern Christian Leadership Conference
6. To which council was she appointed by then-President Jimmy Carter?
National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year
7. What is Ms. Angelou doing today? Where?
Professor at Lake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
8. What appointment was she awarded in 1981?
First Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University.
9. What honor was she awarded in 1993? *She was only the second United States poet in history invited to recite original work at the presidential inauguration.*
10. How many books has she written? Name five. *She has written more than 20.*
11. What else has she written? *Essays, children's books, plays, poetry, articles.*
12. Identify the number and names of languages that she speaks.
Six languages: English, French, Spanish, Italian, Arabic, West African Fanti
13. Locate some of her poetry. Read a few poems, and download your favorite.
Write a sentence or two expressing why you like it.
14. Find a quotation that you like, and write a journal response to it.
15. Write one thing that surprised you about Ms. Angelou.