

Bob Marley



Pre-Reading

A. Warm-Up Questions

1. Who is the person in the picture?
2. What country is this person from?
3. Why is this person famous?

B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct meanings on the right.

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| _____ | 1. reggae | a) a very popular thing, such as a song |
| <u> f </u> | 2. Rastafarian | b) connected to the soul and the universe |
| _____ | 3. community | c) to form a written agreement |
| _____ | 4. artistic | d) not having enough money to live comfortably |
| _____ | 5. culture | e) a group of people who live in one area or share one interest |
| _____ | 6. poor | f) related to a Jamaican religion with an Ethiopian emperor as its god |
| _____ | 7. spiritual | g) the arts, customs, and rituals connected with a certain region or group |
| <u> c </u> | 8. sign | h) underdeveloped nations |
| _____ | 9. Third World | i) a popular music from Jamaica that combines ska, blues, and jazz |
| _____ | 10. hit | j) being good at a form of art (music, dance, painting, etc.) |

Reading

ABOUT BOB MARLEY

1. Bob Marley was a musician from Jamaica. He helped make **reggae** music famous and was a member of the **Rastafarian** movement.
2. In the 1960s, Bob Marley began making music in a **community** called Trench Town. This was an **artistic** community in Kingston. Trench Town was **poor**, but full of **culture**. It became the Hollywood of Jamaica.
3. Bob Marley and his friend Bunny took vocal lessons. They formed a band called the Wailing Wailers. The Wailers added jazz and blues sounds to Jamaican ska music and wrote **spiritual** lyrics about their homeland (Africa).
4. In 1972, a major record label called Island Records **signed** the Wailers. People around the world fell in love with reggae music, and Bob Marley and his band became famous.
5. The **Third World's** first pop star died of cancer in 1981 at the age of 36. His reggae **hits** like *One Love* and *Get Up, Stand Up* live on.



Writing

ABOUT ME

Finish the *About Me* sentences. Use your own personal information.

1. Bob Marley *was* born in Jamaica.

I was _____

3. The Wailers loved ska music.

I love _____

2. Bob Marley and his friend Bunny took vocal lessons.

My friends and I _____

4. Bob Marley was the first pop star of the Third World.

I want to be the first _____

Comprehension

A. True or False?

Read the statements below.

If the statement is true, write T beside the sentence.

If it is false, write F and correct the information.

- _____ 1. Bob Marley was born in the United Kingdom.
- _____ 2. Bob Marley made his early music in Hollywood.
- _____ 3. The name of Bob Marley's first album was Island Records.
- _____ 4. Bob Marley died of cancer at the age of 36.
- _____ 5. Songs like *One Love* and *Get Up, Stand Up* are still popular today.

B. Forming Questions

Work with a partner. Here are the answers. What are the questions?

1. _____

Bunny was Bob Marley's friend and bandmate.

2. _____

In the '60s, Trench Town became known as the Hollywood of Jamaica.

3. _____

The genre of music Bob Marley and the Wailers made was called reggae.

4. _____

The Rastafarian Movement was a religion that promoted peace and freedom for people of African descent. Rastas call Ethiopia their homeland.

Vocabulary Review

A. Synonyms or Antonyms?

Are the following words synonyms or antonyms?

1. community / group _____
2. spiritual / religious _____
3. signed / fired _____
4. First World / Third World _____
5. hit / failure _____
6. vocal / instrumental _____

B. Complete the Sentences

Complete the sentences using vocabulary from page 1.
You may need to change the word forms.

1. Rastas like Bob Marley believed in the _____ Movement.
2. We _____ a teenage vocalist to our record label this afternoon.
3. The song *Buffalo Soldier* was a _____ in the '80s and still is today.
4. I like to sit around the pool in Jamaica and listen to _____ music.
5. Singing and dancing as a family is an important part of Jamaican _____ .

Don't Worry

Bob Marley wrote lyrics about peace, love, and living a carefree life. Here is one of his most famous lyrics:

*"Don't worry about a thing.
'Cause every little thing is going
to be all right."* —Bob Marley, *Three Little Birds*

What things do you worry about?
Share your list with a classmate.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Listening

A. Gap Fill

Listen to a recording of this reading.
Fill in the gaps. Listen again and check your answers.

(Audio: <http://blog.esllibrary.com/2015/10/23/podcast-bob-marley-2>)

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B. Extra Practice

Do you want more listening practice?
After you fill in the gaps in Part A, listen to the recording
a few more times. Underline all of the adjectives.

Hint:

Adjectives are words that
describe or modify other words.