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MOTHER TERESA

For most people, the name Mother Teresa symbolizes unconditional love and support. She was a symbol of hope to many dying and sick people around the world. Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Macedonia. She was the youngest of three children. She went on to become a nun in the Catholic Church. One of her first assignments was work at a mission in India. The mission ran the schools. This is where Agnes took on the name Sister Teresa. A year later, Sister Teresa arrived in Calcutta to teach at St. Mary's High School.

She would eventually move to the slums of Calcutta to live and set up a school. She gave every cent she ever earned to the hungry and poor. She opened an orphanage to house children who had no parents and were dying. She won many prizes for her great work, and each time she would use the money from the prizes to house or feed people. In 1979, she won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Through the years, her name changed to Mother Teresa. She was indeed a mother to many. But life was not easy for her. She would struggle with heart problems and other illnesses, but her efforts to help those in need continued until the day she died. Mother Teresa's examples and words of wisdom continue to inspire millions.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What Mother Teresa's original name?
 - a. Sister Teresa
 - b. Agnes Teresa Bojaxhiu
 - c. Mother of Calcutta
 - d. Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu
2. What can be inferred about Mother Teresa since she was the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize?
 - a. She was a U.S. citizen.
 - b. She worked for peace in the world.
 - c. She received the highest honor awarded to Catholic nuns.
 - d. She would go on to win the Medal of Freedom.
3. After reading the passage, which of the following words could be used to describe Mother Teresa?
 - a. studious
 - b. notorious
 - c. rugged
 - d. empathetic