

Celia Cruz

The Queen of Salsa

Music • Culture • Joy • Always



1 Match the words with their meanings.

1	influential	a	a journey to different places
2	album	b	a group of musicians who play together
3	hit song	c	a lot of people like it
4	tour	d	a person who has a lot of influence
5	teenager	e	a collection of songs
6	contest	f	a period of big changes in a country
7	orchestra	g	a young person
8	culture	h	a competition
9	revolution	i	the way of life, beliefs and traditions of a group of people
10	foundation	j	a way to help or support people

2 Choose the best answer.

Circle the correct option.

1. What song was a hit for Celia Cruz and La Sonora Matancera in 1952?
   a) Caramelos b) Tu Voz c) Isadora d) Guantanamera
2. Where was Celia Cruz born?
   a) New York b) Havana c) Miami d) Mexico City
3. What kind of music is salsa?
   a) Jazz b) Rock c) A mix of Cuban son and other Latin sounds
4. What did Celia Cruz become in 2002?
   a) A singer b) A teacher c) A foundation founder d) A movie star
5. What did Celia Cruz shout during her concerts in the 1970s?
   a) Bravo! b) Azúcar! c) Viva! d) Amor!

3 True or False?

Read the sentences. Write T (True) or F (False).

1. Celia Cruz was one of the most influential female singers in Afro-Cuban music. ____
2. She was born in 1925 in Havana, Cuba. ____
3. Her father wanted her to be a teacher. ____
4. She started her music career with La Sonora Matancera in 1947. ____
5. Celia Cruz never left Cuba. ____
6. She won many Grammy Awards. ____

4 Fill in the blanks.

Use the word bank below.

1. Celia Cruz had more than _____ albums.
2. The song "Tu Voz" is about _____ and _____.
3. She moved to the United States in the early _____.
4. Salsa is a combination of Cuban "son" with other _____ sounds.
5. Celia Cruz wore colorful clothing and tall _____.
6. She founded the _____ Foundation in 2002.
7. She died in _____ as a result of brain cancer.

5 Put the events in order.

Number the events from 1 to 8.

- ◯ Celia Cruz wins many music competitions.
- ◯ She joins La Sonora Matancera.
- ◯ She moves to the United States.
- ◯ She becomes famous for calling out "Azúcar!" during concerts.
- ◯ She wins Grammy Awards.
- ◯ She is born in Havana, Cuba.
- ◯ She studies at the Cuban Conservatory of Music.
- ◯ She dies in 2003.



6 Short Answer.

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What did Celia Cruz do for Cuban culture?
   _____
2. Why did Celia Cruz move to the United States?
   _____
3. What is salsa?
   _____
4. How did Celia Cruz use her fame to help others?
   _____
5. What is the meaning of "Azúcar!"?
   _____

Word Bank

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