



Sarah Ann Gill

Sarah Ann Gill was a church leader in Barbados during the days of slavery. She was born in 1795. Her mother was black, and her father was white. She was a member and a leader in the Me-tho-dist church in Barbados. Many black people and coloured persons went to the Me-tho-dist church. However, many white, rich people did not like the Me-tho-dist church, and they became very hostile towards it.

Because so many persons did not like the Me-tho-dist church, they chased the leaders of the church out of Barbados. Some persons even burned the church. However, Sarah Ann Gill opened a church in her house and kept church services there. Because of this, persons wanted to burn her house down as well, threatened her life and prosecuted her for keeping church.

Sarah Ann Gill died on February 25, 1866. A church in Black Rock is named after her. She was made a national hero of Barbados in 1998. She is one of two female national heroes.

Worksheet on Sarah Ann Gill

Using the passage complete the cloze passage below. Drag the words in the box to their correct space.

burnt	threatened	Methodist	Heroes	white
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Sarah Ann Gill was a member of the _____ church. The rich, _____ people did not like this religion and they _____ down the church. Sarah Ann Gill opened her home as a church kept service there. She was _____ and prosecuted for this. She fought for her religion and was named one of Barbados' National _____ for her bravery.

Complete the spelling of the words used in the passage by adding the letters a e i o u

1. C h _ r c h
2. M _ t h _ d _ s t
3. H _ r _

True or False

1. Sarah Ann Gill's father was black.	T	F
2. Sarah Ann Gill is the only female national hero.	T	F
3. Sarah Ann Gill opened her home as a church.	T	F
4. The rich white people were friendly with the Methodist people.	T	F
5. Sarah Ann Gill died on February 25 th , 1866.	T	F

Fact or Opinion

6. Sarah Ann Gill is known as the Heroine of Methodism and Religious Freedom. F O

7. Sarah Ann Gill grave can be found at the rear of the James Street Methodist Church. F O

8. I think Sarah Ann Gill was a brave woman. F O

9. Sarah Ann Gill has a church named after her. F O

10. It is important to celebrate others. F O

Words and their meaning

Circle the correct letter which tells the meaning of the word underlined.

11. What do you think the word coloured means?

- a. beautiful
- b. a person who has black and white parents
- c. red and yellow colours

12. What do you think the word hostile means?

- a. friendly
- b. angry
- c. kind

13. What do you think the word prosecuted means?

- a. to put in trouble
- b. burned
- c. rewarded