



## CONDOLEEZZA RICE

They call her "Condie" for short. Her real name is very long. She was an only child. Condie's mother was a music teacher, and her father was a preacher.

She loved to play the piano when she was little. Condie dreamed of being a pianist. She wanted to play the piano very well. She played and played. It was her dream. It was the thing she wanted most of all.

One day Condie turned 15. She knew she could not play as well as she wanted. She wanted to help make the world a better place so Condie went to college. She studied hard.

Now, she speaks five languages. She worked for the White House and traveled to places far away. When she was done, Condie went to Stanford University. She decided to teach there.

She is a powerful woman in U.S. history.



### STORY QUESTIONS

1. What did Condie want to be when she grew up?
  - a. a president
  - b. a first lady
  - c. a pianist
  - d. a college teacher
  
2. What word best describes Condie?
  - a. hard-worker
  - b. lazy
  - c. funny
  - d. boring
  
3. A **synonym** is a word that means the same thing. *Traveled* means ...
  - a. had a suitcase.
  - b. stayed in one city.
  - c. went places.