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DALE EVANS

Have you seen Dale Evans on television? She starred in movies and television shows. She was in more than 28 old-time cowboy movies. Dale was also a singer.

Some say her real name is Frances Octavia Smith. Others claim it was Lucille Wood Smith. What we do know is that her life began in Uvalde, Texas. She ran away with her high school sweetheart to get married when she was only fourteen. They moved to Tennessee and had a baby boy named Tom. One year later her husband died.

Frances/Lucille found a job at a radio station. She sang and played the piano. The manager of the station changed her name to Dale Evans. The name was catchy. It stayed with her.

Dale moved to Chicago and then back to Texas. She was hired as an actress and singer. On the set of one of her movies, she met a famous cowboy actor. His name was Roy Rogers. They made many movies as a team. They liked the same things. They became best friends. One year later they were married at the ranch where they made their first movie.

Roy and Dale shared a happy life. They were loved by all of America.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Why did Frances/Lucille run away?
 - a. She wanted to get married.
 - b. She wanted to get a job.
 - c. She did not like school.
 - d. She always ran away.

2. Which of the following is **NOT** a fact about Dale Evans?
 - a. She had a job at a radio station.
 - b. She went by the name Annie Oakley.
 - c. She played the piano.
 - d. She starred in movies.

3. Dale met Roy Rogers . . .

a. at a baseball game.	c. at a park.
b. on a movie set.	d. at the zoo.

4. Roy and Dale were a good match because . . .

a. she was a good cook.	c. they liked the same things.
b. he was handsome.	d. people gave them money.