



Celia Cruz

The Queen of Salsa

Music • Culture • Joy • Always



1 Match the words with their meanings.

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| 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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contest • orchestra • culture • revolution • foundation



La música
nos une!