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ELVIS PRESLEY

Do you like rock and roll music? A man named Elvis Presley helped create this type of music. This music also made Elvis a star. Elvis was born in Mississippi, but he was raised in Memphis, Tennessee. He liked to sing growing up but never really did much with it. When he graduated from high school, he got a job driving a truck.

One day in 1953, Elvis went to the Sun Record Company. He wanted to record a song for his mother. The president of the company heard Elvis sing, and he was impressed. He offered a recording contract to Elvis. Fans across the country loved his singing as well. His songs were heard all over.

Another company named RCA signed a recording contract with Elvis. This company released five of his songs at once. He sold millions of records. By 1959, he had sold 21 million records. He was also in movies and went on tours to perform his songs. He was the world's most famous entertainer of his time.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. Where do you find out which company Elvis signed a deal with first?
 - a. first paragraph
 - b. second paragraph
 - c. third paragraph
2. The author probably wrote this passage to . . .
 - a. warn listeners of Elvis' background.
 - b. inform the reader about Elvis' weaknesses.
 - c. inform the reader of Elvis' history.
 - d. inform the reader of Elvis' love for singing.
3. How many records does the passage say Elvis had sold by 1959?
 - a. 25 million
 - b. 21 thousand
 - c. 20 million
 - d. 21 million
4. Which of the following statements is not a fact about Elvis Presley?
 - a. Elvis enjoyed singing.
 - b. Elvis grew up in Memphis, TN.
 - c. Elvis grew up singing and recording records.
 - d. Elvis was discovered when he tried to record a song for his mother.