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Madame C. J. Walker



Madame C. J. Walker was one of the most famous African American women in the cosmetics industry. She was born in 1869 in Louisiana to poor ex-slaves. When she was young her parents died.

Madame Walker was a beautiful and ambitious woman. In 1905, she invented a hair softener and a special hot iron comb. Madame Walker began to manufacture a complete line of cosmetics for women. She traveled to the south and Midwest selling her products and eventually set up schools to teach women how to sell her products.

Madame Walker went on to become the world's first African American person in modern times to build a large manufacturing business. She was the first American woman to become a millionaire through her own efforts.

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

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2. Madame Walker was _____ in Louisiana.
3. Her _____ died when she was young.
4. Madame Walker was a beautiful _____.
5. She _____ a hair softener.
6. Madame Walker began to _____ a complete line of cosmetics.
7. She _____ to the south.
8. Madame Walker was the _____ American woman to become a millionaire.

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Circle True or False to answer the questions.

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| 5. Madame Walker traveled to other countries selling her cosmetics. | True | False |
| 6. Madame Walker set up schools to teach women how to sell her cosmetics. | True | False |
| 7. Madame Walker became a millionaire. | True | False |
| 8. Madame Walker built a department store. | True | False |

Circle the words in the puzzle.

cosmetic

business

walker

Louisiana

softener

comb

invent

school

rich

famous

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