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At seventeen, Marian entered a competition in New York and won first prize over three hundred other singers. In 1930, she received an award which paid for a year of study in Europe. After two concert tours of Europe, Marian's fame grew and soon she was traveling around the world giving concerts.

In 1939, Marian sang on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. to one of the largest crowds ever to hear a singer. Seventy-five thousand people heard her "live" while millions more listened on the radio.

In 1955, Marian Anderson became the first African American person to sing at the Metropolitan Opera. Her rich, warm voice with its wide range delighted audiences.

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5. Marian sang at the Washington Memorial.	True	False
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8. Marian played the piano.	True	False
9. Marian had a rich and warm voice.	True	False
10. Marian gave a lot of concerts around the world.	True	False
11. Marian was a very brave woman.	True	False
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