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## Maya Angelou



Maya Angelou was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1928. As a young woman, she joined Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders to establish Civil Rights organizations and work for equality for African Americans. She was devastated when King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, which also happened to be her birthday. To begin dealing with her grief, she wrote the first of six autobiographical volumes, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." The book won international acclaim, and she went on to become a successful writer, producer, actress and teacher. In 2010, President Barack Obama announced that Angelou would receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States.

1. Where was Angelou born?
  - a. in Missouri
  - b. in Georgia
  - c. in Washington DC
2. In 2010, she received
  - a. the birthday present
  - b. an autobiography
  - c. the Presidential Medal of Freedom
3. Angelou became a successful
  - a. writer, producer, actress and teacher
  - b. writer, teacher, civil rights leader, chef
  - c. president, civilian