

Legacy Of Maya Answer Key

Sample Summary (students may phrase differently):

Maya Angelou was a poet, performer, and influential writer whose works highlighted resilience, identity, and dignity. She overcame hardships in her youth and wrote *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, which made her internationally famous. Her poetry, including "Still I Rise," celebrated strength and self-expression. Angelou also worked in the civil rights movement and inspired millions with her art and activism.

What to Look For in Student Summaries:

- **Accuracy:** Must mention Angelou's main roles (poet/writer/performer).
- **Key Work:** Reference to *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* or her famous poetry.
- **Impact:** Civil rights activism or inspiration to others.
- **Brevity:** 3-5 sentences, without retelling every small detail.

Teacher Notes

- **Skill emphasis:** Summarizing asks students to **condense information** while keeping the most important points.
- **Common errors:** Students may copy whole sentences or include too many minor details. Guide them to rephrase in their own words.
- **Extension:** Ask students to create a one-sentence "headline summary" of Maya Angelou's life.