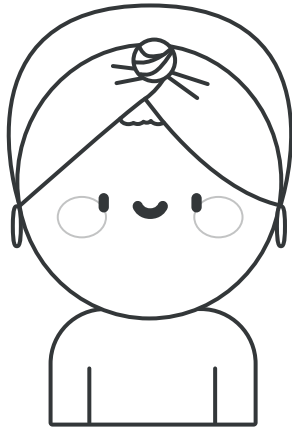


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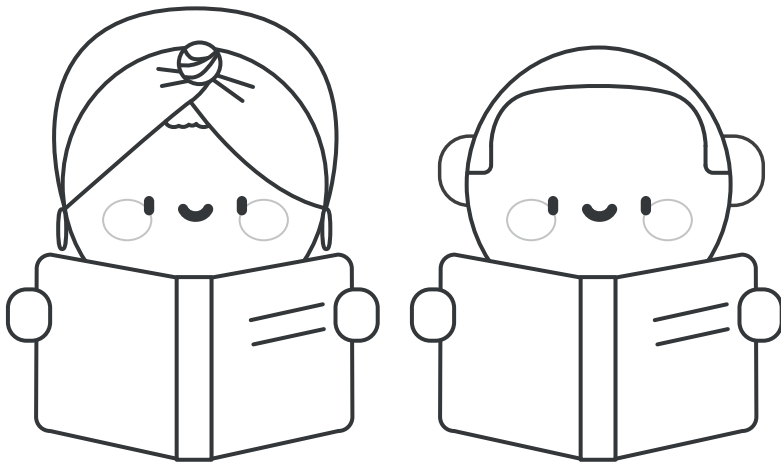


10 Fun Facts About Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou was a writer, poet, actress, and was heavily involved in the Civil Rights Movement during the 1960s.

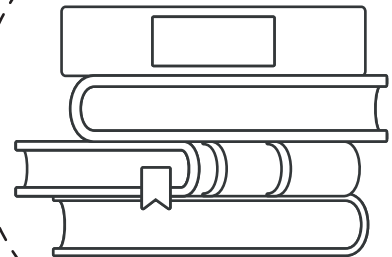
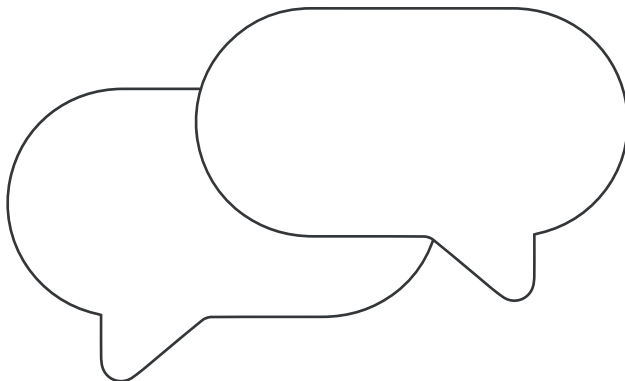


Maya Angelou was born as Marguerite Ann Johnson on April 4, 1928 in Saint Louis, Missouri, and died on May 28, 2014.



Her grandmother, Annie Henderson, taught Maya and her brother how to read.

She spoke six languages: English, Spanish, French, Hebrew, Italian, and Fante (Ghanian dialect of Akan).



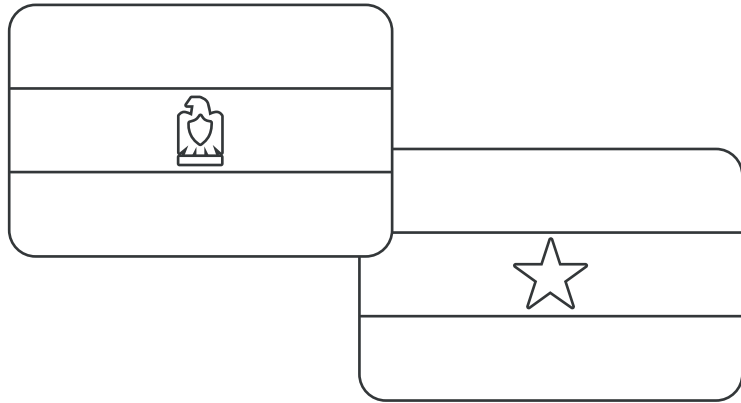
She was an author and poet, publishing seven autobiographies, three books of essays, and several books of poetry.

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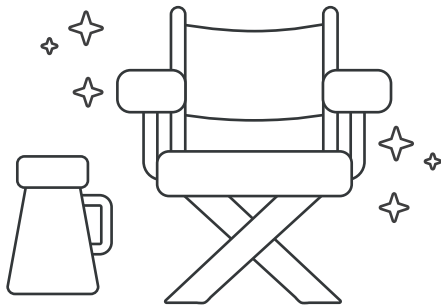


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In the early 1960s Angelou lived in Egypt and Ghana.



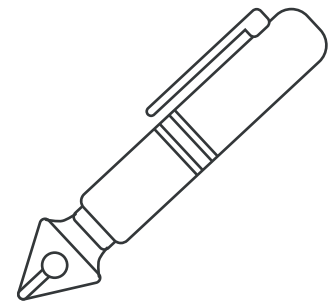
Maya Angelou was the first black woman director in Hollywood.



When she returned to the United States in 1965, she helped Malcolm X develop the Organization of Afro-American Unity.



Bill Clinton asked Angelou to write a poem for his inauguration as president in 1993.



In 2011 President Barack Obama gave Angelou the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest nonmilitary honor.

