

Discipline: English

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Read a biography of Lady Gaga and answer the questions about it.

Biography - Lady Gaga

Of course, Lady Gaga isn't her real name. She was born Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta on March the 28th, 1986. Lady Gaga is her stage name. She is an American singer-songwriter who has become one of the biggest names in music – for her songs, performances, fashion and politics. She became famous in 2008 and just two years later was included in Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Lady Gaga had a musical upbringing. She learned to play piano from the age of four and was singing in public by the time she was 14. She also loved acting in musicals at school. She went to a New York art college at the age of 17 where she wrote a research paper that focused on "music, art, sex and celebrity". She concentrated on songwriting and singing in New York clubs. She got her name from the Queen song "Radio Gaga".

Gaga was inspired by David Bowie, Blondie and Madonna. She hit the big time following the release of her debut album *The Fame* in 2008. The singles "Just Dance" and "Poker Face" became international hits. The album reached number one on the record charts in six countries. Her second album *Born This Way* (2011) also enjoyed spectacular success. The single "Born This Way" was the fastest-selling single in iTunes history.



Gaga is also outspoken when it comes to politics. She has spoken at military meetings in support of gays and lesbians in the US Army and shocked the world by wearing a dress made from meat, to draw attention to human rights. She is also a philanthropist and raised \$500,000 for the Haiti earthquake from a concert performance. Gaga also

designed a Japan Prayer Bracelet which raised \$1.5 million for Japan's tsunami relief fund.

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stage - human rights - songwriter - single - release

- a) The _____ of the album "The Fame" happened in 2008.
- b) Lady Gaga defended the _____ when she used a dress made from meat.
- c) Lady Gaga is the _____ name of Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta.
- d) Gaga is also a _____. She writes music lyrics.
- e) The _____ "Born This Way" was released in 2011.

2) Write (T) if the sentence is true and (F) if it is false.

- a) () Lady Gaga was born in Canada.
- b) () Lady Gaga is a person who worries about the world problems.
- c) () Lady Gaga's music is influenced by Madonna, David Bowie and Blondie.
- d) () Gaga is an outgoing person and her attitudes don't shock the people.
- e) () Her interest in music appeared since she was four years old.

3) Watch Ellen Degeneré interview Lady Gaga about the film "A star is born" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jezetWkvbx8> and complete the sentences below.

- a) Ellen asks to call Lady Gaga _____.
- b) Gaga is living in _____.
- c) She has a new _____.
- d) Ellen thinks Gaga is an amazing _____.
- e) Gaga thinks Bradley Cooper is an _____ filmmaker, director and singer.
- f) According to Gaga, A star is born talks about substance abuse, _____ health and co-dependency.
- g) Gaga says that as soon as the film finished, she dyed her hair _____ to get out of the character.
- h) She says that passion and _____ are the two most important things in the world.

4) Access Lyrics Training at <https://lyricstraining.com/play/lady-gaga/always-remember-us-this-way/HymUHg2DIy> and play a game with Lady Gaga's song "Always remember us this way".

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