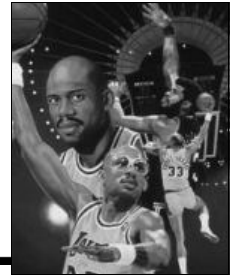


## BIOGRAPHY 1: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1947- )

**K**areem Abdul-Jabbar was one of the best basketball players of his time. In his twenty-year career, he scored 38,387 points. That was the most points of any player in history. At 7'2" (seven feet, two inches), he was also the tallest player.

Jabbar was born in New York City. His real name was Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor. In college, Kareem helped win three championships for U.C.L.A. (the University of California at Los Angeles). From 1969 to 1975, he played basketball for two professional teams, the Milwaukee Bucks and the Los Angeles Lakers. He won the "Most Valuable Player" award six times. He also became a member of basketball's Hall of Fame.



## BIOGRAPHY 2: Yasser Arafat (1929-2004)

**Y**asser Arafat was the leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. This extremist political group has always fought against the state of Israel. But in 1988 Arafat surprised world leaders. He said Israel has a right to exist. But so does an independent state of Palestine.

Arafat supported Saddam Hussein in the 1990 Arabian Gulf Crisis. This hurt his reputation in the world. But then he worked hard for peace in the Middle East. Many angry Palestinians criticized Arafat. Even so, he won world recognition for the Palestinian state in 1993. The next year, with the leader of Israel, he won the Nobel Peace Prize.

After two years' confinement in Palestine, he died at the age of 75.



## BIOGRAPHY 3: The Beatles (1960-1970)

**F**or ten years, the Beatles were a pop music group. The group was "born" in 1960 in Liverpool, England. Its members were John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr.

The Beatles created and sang their own songs. Some well-known examples are "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "Yesterday." Their popularity spread all over the world. It was called "Beatlemania." Young fans loved the long-haired singers. They admired their attitudes and their poetry. They screamed and went wild at their concerts. The Beatles went on tours. They made record albums and movies. The break-up of the group in 1970 was unhappy.

In 1980 Lennon was shot to death. Harrison died in 2001.



## BIOGRAPHY 1: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1947- )

### VOCABULARY:

Match the five numbered words and phrases with their lettered meanings.

1. a career 2. points 3. championships 4. professional 5. most valuable	a. most useful or beneficial (SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVE) b. marks won in competitive games (PLURAL NOUN) c. playing or working for money (ADJECTIVE) d. a profession, occupation, or vocation (SINGULAR NOUN) e. sports competitions for first place (PLURAL NOUN)
---	--

### THE MAIN POINT AND THE MOST IMPORTANT

INFORMATION: Choose the letters of all the correct responses to the questions.

6. For what was—and is—this person best known?	f. his long Hispanic name and faraway birthplace g. his grades at the University of California at Los Angeles h. his athletic achievements in basketball
7. What were some of his main accomplishments?	i. helping U.C.L.A. win three championships j. playing for two professional basketball teams. k. winning the "Most Valuable Player" award many times. l. acceptance into basketball's Hall of Fame.

## BIOGRAPHY 2: Yasser Arafat (1929-2004)

### VOCABULARY:

Match the five numbered words and phrases with their lettered meanings.

1. liberation 2. extremist 3. criticized 4. recognition 5. confinement	a. captivity by legal authority (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN) b. found fault with; blamed (PAST VERB) c. holding political views far out of the mainstream (ADJECTIVE) d. the act of freeing (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN) e. acknowledgement of the existence (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN)
--	---

### THE MAIN POINT AND THE MOST IMPORTANT

INFORMATION: Choose the letters of all the correct responses to the questions.

6. As what was this person best known?	f. as the leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) g. as a commanding general in the 1990 Arabian Gulf War h. as the sheik (head of the royal family) of an oil-rich country
7. What were some of the main facts of his life?	i. He led the PLO, which fought against the state of Israel. j. He fought against Saddam Hussein in both Persian Gulf wars. k. He won recognition for Palestine and the Nobel Peace Prize. l. Because of his popularity in his own movement, he is still living.

## BIOGRAPHY 3: The Beatles (1960-1970)

### VOCABULARY:

Match the five numbered words and phrases with their lettered meanings.

1. pop music 2. popularity 3. admired 4. attitudes 5. screamed	a. the favor of the general public (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN) b. approved of and enjoyed with pleasure (PAST VERB) c. made long, high-pitched sounds (PAST VERB) d. popular songs enjoyed by "ordinary" people (NOUN PHRASE) e. frames of mind affecting behavior (PLURAL NOUN)
--	---

### THE MAIN POINT AND THE MOST IMPORTANT

INFORMATION: Choose the letters of all the correct responses to the questions.

6. For what was this group best known?	f. its longevity; its successful functioning for a half century g. the worldwide popularity of its performances and pop songs h. its efforts to improve working conditions in England
7. What do many people remember about the group?	i. J. Lennon, P. McCartney, G. Harrison, and Ringo Starr j. the 1960s "Beatlemania" over their songs and attitudes k. its tours, record albums, and movies l. its break-up and the later deaths of two of its members

## BIOGRAPHY 4: Buddha (about 563 to 483 BCE)

**B**uddhism is one of the major religions in the world today. The Supreme Buddha was the founder of Buddhism.

At birth, his title was Prince Gautama Siddhartha. He was the son of royalty in Nepal. But at age thirty, he gave up his life of luxury and power. He left his home and family. He chose a poor and simple life of spiritual thought. One day under a tree, the Buddha received religious enlightenment. For forty years, he taught his followers the Four Noble Truths. The goal of his teachings is "Nirvana." In the "state of Nirvana," a person has no more earthly desires. The "self" is part of infinity.



## BIOGRAPHY 5: Lucille Ball (1910-1989)

**L**ucille Ball began acting as a teenager, but she was not really successful until the 1950s. With her husband, Desi Arnaz, she created the first popular TV "situation comedy." It was "I Love Lucy."

In real life, Arnaz was a Cuban band leader. In the show, he played the same role. Ball was a ditsy red-headed housewife. They and their friends got into trouble again and again. The show was very funny.

Lucille Ball divorced her husband in 1960. She appeared in Broadway shows and in two more TV comedy series. Up to the time of her death, her fans watched her in TV specials. In comedy reruns, people can still see examples of her comedic talent today.



## BIOGRAPHY 6: Jacques Cousteau (1910-1997)

**J**acques Cousteau was a French oceanographer. He explored the oceans on his research ship, the *Calipso*. He filmed the beautiful plants and animals of the underwater world. With his films, he produced many popular TV specials.

Cousteau was also an inventor. His inventions helped ocean scientists to stay underwater for a long time. He also cared about ocean conservation. His most famous books on this subject were *The Silent World*, *The Living Sea*, and *World Without Sun*.

The work of this early environmentalist and nature lover created a new kind of scientific communication.



## BIOGRAPHY 4: Buddha (about 563 to 483 BCE)

### VOCABULARY:

Match the five numbered words and phrases with their lettered meanings.

1. the founder 2. royalty 3. enlightenment 4. earthly desires 5. infinity	a. a king and queen—and their family (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN) b. someone that founded (started) something (SINGULAR NOUN) c. a blessed state beyond suffering (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN) d. non-spiritual things that people want (PLURAL NOUN PHRASE) e. the condition of being without limits (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN)
---	--

### THE MAIN POINT AND THE MOST IMPORTANT

INFORMATION: Choose the letters of all the correct responses to the questions.

6. Why is this person still famous today?	f. because he started a religion called Buddhism g. because he created many statues of himself h. because he lived a life of luxury and power
7. What were the most important things he did?	i. He left his home to seek spiritual enlightenment. j. He grew poor and simple trees. k. He "realized" the Four Noble Truths. l. He taught his followers how to reach "Nirvana."

## BIOGRAPHY 5: Lucille Ball (1910-1989)

### VOCABULARY:

Match the five numbered words and phrases with their lettered meanings.

1. acting 2. ditsy 3. Broadway shows 4. reruns 5. fans	a. theatrical productions in New York (PLURAL NOUN) b. taped repeats of old TV programs (PLURAL NOUN) c. scatterbrained; easily confused; mildly eccentric (ADJECTIVE) d. the work of actors (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN) e. enthusiastic admirers (PLURAL NOUN)
--	--

### THE MAIN POINT AND THE MOST IMPORTANT

INFORMATION: Choose the letters of all the correct responses to the questions.

6. For what was this person best known?	f. her comedic talent, especially in the TV show "I Love Lucy" g. her escape from Castro's Cuba h. her many marriages and divorces in the 1950s
7. What were some of the main events of her life?	i. She married and divorced Desi Arnaz, a Cuban band leader j. Desi and Lucy created in an amazingly popular TV comedy. k. As a model, she created the style of straight, black hair. l. Reruns of her shows have been shown for decades.

## BIOGRAPHY 6: Jacques Cousteau (1910-1997)

### VOCABULARY:

Match the five numbered words and phrases with their lettered meanings.

1. an oceanographer 2. explored 3. filmed 4. an inventor 5. conservation	a. a scientist that studies the ocean (SINGULAR NOUN) b. made movies of (PAST VERB) c. traveled, searched into, and examined closely (PAST VERB) d. someone that creates something new (SINGULAR NOUN) e. preservation; preventing destruction (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN)
--	---

### THE MAIN POINT AND THE MOST IMPORTANT

INFORMATION: Choose the letters of all the correct responses to the questions.

6. Why is this person still remembered?	f. He loved, explored, and taught others about the oceans. g. He built and made films of ships. h. He lived in an underwater city.
7. What were some of his major achievements?	i. He went fishing, surfing, and sailing on every sea in the world. j. He explored, researched, and filmed the underwater world. k. He was an inventor, TV producer, and environmentalist. l. He loved France, the French language, and French culture.

## BIOGRAPHY 7: Philip Arthur Charles, Prince of Wales (1948- )

**P** rince Charles was the first son of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. He is heir to the throne of England but may not become King.

Educated at the "best" British schools, he served in the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy. With Lady Diana Spencer, he had two sons. Prince William was born in 1982; Prince Harry was born two years later.

Prince Charles performs many official duties for the monarchy. However, he has been in the news more often because of his personal life. He divorced Princess Diana in 1996. She died in a car crash in 1997.

Now he is married to Camilla Parker-Bowles. His interests include charity work, the arts, cars, the environment, and organic agriculture.

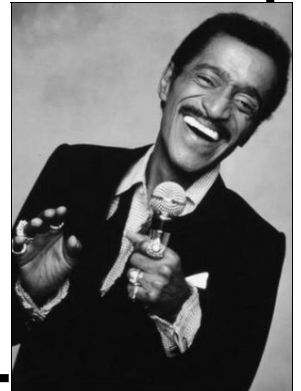


## BIOGRAPHY 8: Sammy Davis, Jr. (1925-1990)

**S** ammy Davis Jr. began tap-dancing and singing at age four. As an adult, he entertained people in night clubs. But in 1954 he almost died in a car accident; he lost his left eye. Then he converted to Judaism (became Jewish).

Davis began to appear in Broadway shows. These appearances led to a film career. As a singer, he made forty record albums. For various reasons, however, he experienced a lot of racial discrimination.

This small, thin, multi-talented black man achieved amazing success in show business. He was best known for his performances in Las Vegas shows and on TV. But he had poor health and died of throat cancer.



## BIOGRAPHY 9: John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)

**J** ohn Fitzgerald Kennedy (JFK) was the thirty-fifth President of the United States. He was well-known and loved world-wide for several reasons. He was the *youngest* elected U.S. president in history. He was the first Catholic. He was handsome and talented. He had a beautiful, stylish wife. His time as president was very short. Many people remember it as a fascinating time of glamour and culture in Washington.

During Kennedy's administration, the U.S. faced a missile crisis with Cuba. There was a nuclear test ban treaty. The space program progressed. So did desegregation of the races. The Alliance for Progress and the Peace Corps began. But in 1963, an assassin's bullet ended JFK's work and life.



## BIOGRAPHY 7: Philip Arthur Charles, Prince of Wales (1948- )

### VOCABULARY:

Match the five numbered words and phrases with their lettered meanings.

1. heir to the throne 2. served 3. performs duties 4. the monarchy 5. the environment	a. system of government with one ruler (SINGULAR NOUN) b. put in time; fulfilled requirements (PAST VERB) c. does assigned or necessary tasks (PRESENT VERB PHRASE) d. Earth's air, water, organisms, etc. (SINGULAR NOUN) e. person presumed to become King (NOUN PHRASE)
---	--

### THE MAIN POINT AND THE MOST IMPORTANT

### INFORMATION:

Choose the letters of all the correct responses to the questions.

6. Why is this person known all over the world?	f. He refused to serve in the armed forces. g. His father is from a foreign country, not England. h. He's Queen Elizabeth's eldest son and heir to the throne.
7. What do most people know about him?	i. Diana Spencer bore him two sons—Princes William and Harry. j. After his divorce from Princess Diana, she died in a car crash. k. He opposes charity work and environmentalism. l. Now he's married to Camilla Parker-Bowles.

## BIOGRAPHY 8: Sammy Davis, Jr. (1925-1990)

### VOCABULARY:

Match the five numbered words and phrases with their lettered meanings.

1. tap-dancing 2. entertained 3. converted 4. discrimination 5. multi-talented	a. lively, rhythmic dance with special shoes (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN) b. amused people in a pleasant way (PAST VERB) c. having a variety of skills and abilities (HYPHENATED ADJECTIVE) d. prejudicial treatment based on race (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN) e. changed (to a different religion) (PAST VERB)
--	--

### THE MAIN POINT AND THE MOST IMPORTANT

### INFORMATION:

Choose the letters of all the correct responses to the questions.

6. What was this person best known for?	f. his religious leadership—in Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, etc. g. his show business success—despite his race and frailty h. his athletic achievements—in baseball, basketball, etc.
7. What were some of the main facts of his life?	i. He began singing and dancing at a very early age. j. After almost dying in a car accident, he became Jewish. k. He had an easy life, never married, and fathered many kids. l. He experienced racial discrimination, poor health, and cancer.

## BIOGRAPHY 9: John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)

### VOCABULARY:

Match the five numbered words and phrases with their lettered meanings.

1. glamour 2. a treaty 3. progressed 4. desegregation 5. an assassin's bullet	a. ammunition from the gun of a murderer (NOUN PHRASE) b. ending a system of separation of races (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN) c. moved forward; developed; made progress (PAST VERB) d. an official agreement between countries (SINGULAR NOUN) e. excitement, adventure, alluring romance (UNCOUNTABLE NOUN)
---	---

### THE MAIN POINT AND THE MOST IMPORTANT

### INFORMATION:

Choose the letters of all the correct responses to the questions.

6. Who was this person?	f. the oldest Vice President of the United States in history g. the popular, handsome 35th President of the United States h. an unmarried, untalented, uncultured American politician
7. What happened during his time in office?	i. His beautiful wife brought glamour and culture to Washington. j. There were a missile crisis and a nuclear test ban treaty. k. The space program and desegregation moved forward. l. He was assassinated in 1963.