



**CELEBRATING BLACK LIVES:
MAYA ANGELOU
POET AND ACTIVIST**

Maya Angelou was a poet, author, performer, and civil rights activist who inspired the world to action with her words.



**Her work showed the importance of raising your voice!
Her work inspired generations of writers, poets, and activists!**

BRAVE POET

Born Marguerite Ann Johnson, she was given the nickname “Maya” by her older brother Bailey. After a childhood trauma left Maya silent for six years, she reclaimed her voice and made it into a megaphone for healing and truth.

INSPIRING VOICE



Maya was brought to worldwide acclaim when her autobiography *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* was published. Her many accomplishments as a writer, poet, essayist, and performer earned her multiple awards and honors. In fact, she was the first African American woman to be featured on the U.S. quarter!

Today (and every day!) join us as we celebrate the life of Maya Angelou, known for her words, her bravery, and her inspiring voice.



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☆ FUN FACTS WORD SEARCH ☆

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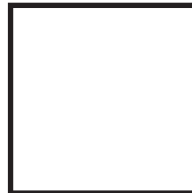
POSTCARD CRAFT

Maya Angelou was famous for using words to inspire others through her work as a writer, poet, performer, and activist! YOU can share some of that inspiration with others by making postcards featuring some of her most famous and motivational quotes!

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Choose from our selection of custom made postcards with famous Maya Angelou quotes!
2. Decorate your postcard and write a message on the other side
3. Send you postcard to someone you love or keep it as a piece of art

LEARN MORE:



POET

Maya was a prolific writer of poetry.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Maya was best known for her groundbreaking autobiography

BIRD

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings was the first best-selling work of non-fiction authored by a Black woman.

QUARTER

Maya Angelou was the first Black woman to have her likeness featured on a US quarter!

STREETCAR

Maya was the first Black conductor of a San Francisco cable car!

SILENCE

Maya was silent for almost six years after a childhood trauma left her unwilling to speak.

CHANGE

Maya is quoted as saying: "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

AWARDS

Maya was the recipient of many awards and honors, including a Pulitzer Prize, the National Medal of Arts, and several Grammys.

