

1. Simply the Best

Tina Turner was born on November 26th, 1939. Despite having a difficult childhood, she managed to find musical success with the man she loved. Sadly for her, the man she loved abused her both mentally and physically. She eventually left him but had to start again from scratch at the age of forty. Did she make it? You know very well! There are two pages to print. Click here to get your copies.

<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/november/IO074S-tinaturner.pdf>

Level

Intermediate and upwards

How to use the lesson

1. You could start the lesson with a general discussion about which artists/bands your students think have been the greatest influences on pop music.
2. Divide the class into Group A and Group B. Give one copy of Worksheet A to each student in Group A and one copy of Worksheet B to each student in Group B.
3. Tell your students they have the same text, but there is some information missing from each worksheet. Explain that they are going to ask a member of the other group some questions to help them complete the text, but first they need to prepare the questions.
4. Ask the students to work together to prepare and write down the questions they need to ask to complete the text.
5. When all the students have prepared their questions, ask a student from Group A to work with a student from Group B. They should take it in turns to ask and answer the questions they have prepared and write the answer in the space in their text.
6. When both students have finished asking and answering, allow them to compare worksheets.
7. Check answers in open class.

Suggested questions:

1. Where was Anna Mae Bullock born?
2. When was Anna Mae Bullock born?
3. When did her grandmother die?
4. Who did she meet at Club Manhattan?
5. What did she record (when she was twenty)?
6. Where did she move to (with Ike)?
7. What did he change her name to?
8. When did they get married?
9. What did they record?
10. When did she leave him?

11. When did they get divorced?
12. Where did she have more success?
13. When did her big break come?
14. When did her last album come out?
15. How many albums has she sold?
16. How old is she?

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.tina-turner.com/>

Learn much more about her at Tina's own website

http://www.divastation.com/tina_turner/tturner_bio.html

Another homage to the diva

<http://www.rockhall.com/>

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame – search for your favourites