

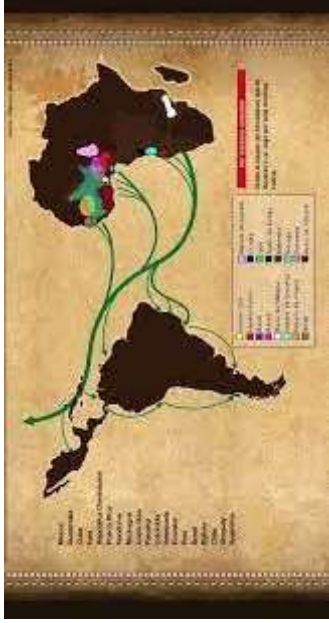
Maya Angelou

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How has African culture influence American culture

Africans have influenced American culture since the early settlement of Americans. Africans influenced the nations language, manners, religion. Literature, music, art, and dance.





Who is Maya Angelou?

Maya Angelou is an African American memoirist, poet, actress, and a civil rights activist.

She is one of the most celebrated African American writers of the 20th century and one of the most important literary voices of America.





Significance of their work in fighting for equality

Maya Angelou took on many roles . Maya was heavily involved in the civil rights movements during the 1960.

After Malcolms X assassination , Angelou began working with Martin Luther King Jr to promote the southern christian leadership conference through her role as northern coordinator.





How did their message transform the view of African Americans

Maya Angelou was a voice for the young black America

Angelou was one of the figures heavily involved in the Harlem, along with other influential figures such as James Baldwin who opened doors for African Americans empowerment.

Maya Angelou's contribution to the American culture was recognized by President Obama, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom



"Still i rise" is a well known poem created by Maya Angelou. The poem solely focuses on self respect and confidence. In the poem she shows how she overcomes any barrier, even the color of her skin.

Still I Rise

by Maya Angelou, 1978

you may run with me down the road
and you may tread me in the mud,
but when you look at me
you will see a woman
who says
"I am the daughter of Africa and
I laugh like my foremothers,
because I know
that darkness cannot put me down.
I open my mouth
and my words
are like great iron bands,
because I know
that darkness cannot put me down.
I am the daughter of America
and I laugh like my sisters,
because I know
that darkness cannot put me down.
I am the daughter of the future
and I laugh like my brothers
and sisters,
because I know
that darkness cannot put me down.
I am the daughter of God,
and I laugh like the angels,
because I know
that darkness cannot put me down.
I rise.