



Margaret Walker Alexander Trivia



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Inspired by Margaret Walker's epic poem, "This is My Century: Black Synthesis of Time," the current reinstallation of our Mississippi galleries is an exhibition titled "New Symphony of Time" which expands and illuminates the boundaries of Mississippi's narrative.



Alex O'Neal, "Self-mourning, Dying Dream Façade," 2017, acrylic and collage on canvas, 36 x 35 in., Loan courtesy of the artist. © Alex O'Neal.

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MARGARET WALKER, PHOTOGRAPHED BY VAN VECHTEN, COURTESY OF THE MARGARET WALKER CENTER.

WHERE WAS MARGARET WALKER BORN?

- A. JACKSON, MS
- B. MEMPHIS, TN
- C. BIRMINGHAM, AL

M
W
A

I Want to Write

by Margaret Walker



I want to write

I want to write the songs of my people.

I want to hear them singing melodies in the dark.

I want to catch the last floating strains from their sob-torn throats.

I want to frame their dreams into words; their souls into notes.

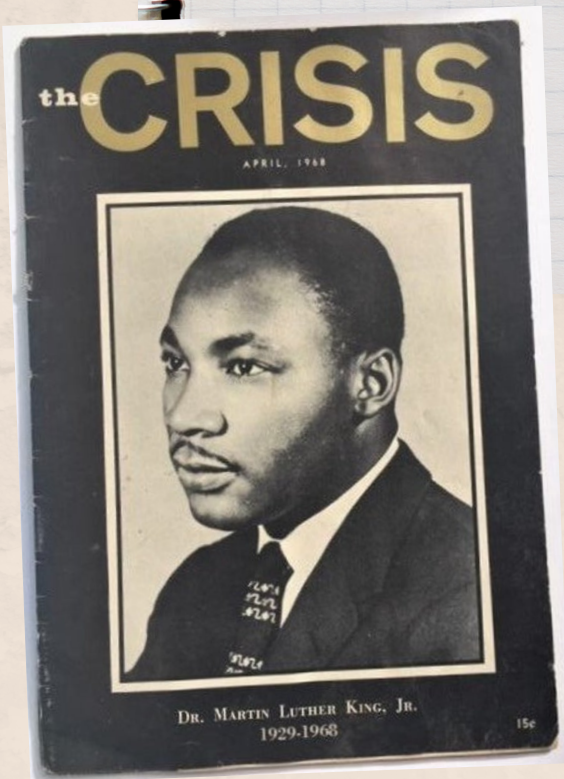
I want to catch their sunshine laughter in a bowl;

fling dark hands to a darker sky

and fill them full of stars

then crush and mix such lights till they become

a mirrored pool of brilliance in the dawn.



Hint:
This was
the poem!

HOW OLD WAS WALKER WHEN SHE WAS PUBLISHED IN "THE CRISIS?"

- A. 13
- B. 16
- C. 22
- D. 25

NAACP MAGAZINE, *THE CRISIS*, DATED APRIL 1969
COMMEMORATING DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



William Ferris, Aurelia Young and Margaret Walker, Oxford, Miss., 1988, archival pigment print, 11 5/8 x 16 1/2 in. (29.53 x 41.91 cm), Gift of the artist, 2013.054

WHAT IS THE TITLE OF HER ONLY NOVEL (A NEO-SLAVE NARRATIVE)?

- A. BELOVED
- B. JUBILEE
- C. TWELVE YEARS A SLAVE



**MARGARET
WALKER WITH
DONALD GALLUP IN
BEINECKE LIBRARY,
YALE UNIVERSITY
(NEW HAVEN,
CONNECTICUT),
1978, PHOTO
COURTESY OF
WILLIAM FERRIS**

**WHICH OF THESE WRITERS WAS A MAJOR
INFLUENCE FOR WALKER?**

- A. LANGSTON HUGHES**
- B. WILLIAM FAULKNER**
- C. RICHARD WRIGHT**
- D. ALL OF THE ABOVE**



William Ferris, Margaret Walker, New Haven, Conn., 1978, archival pigment print, 11 5/8 x 16 1/2 in. (29.53 x 41.91 cm), Gift of the artist, 2013.053

AFTER WRITING THE VOLUME OF 1942
POETRY FOR MY PEOPLE, SHE BECAME
THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN TO
WIN THE YALE YOUNGER POETS PRIZE.

- A. TRUE
- B. FALSE

COURTESY OF THE MARGARET WALKER ALEXANDER
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WHILE TEACHING AT JSU, WALKER ESTABLISHED THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF THE HISTORY, LIFE, AND CULTURE OF BLACK PEOPLE. IT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE MARGARET WALKER CENTER.

WHAT YEAR DID SHE ESTABLISH THIS INSTITUTE?

- A. 1968
- B. 1964
- C. 1962



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Thanks for playing!

answer key

1. c
2. b
3. b
4. d
5. a
6. a

NOW CHECK
OUT SOME OF
MARGARET
WALKER'S
WORKS!

