

Reggae Superstar

Introduction

Robert Nesta Marley was born on 6th February a) _____, the son of a Jamaican mother and a white b) _____ naval officer. But from this poor beginning, Bob Marley became an international star and took the c) _____ music of Jamaica to the whole world.



Early life



Bob's d) _____ moved to Trench Town, in Kingston, when he was in his early teens. It was a crowded, lively place. And it was never e) _____. People played music all the time. Bob recorded his first record when he was only f) _____. And it was while he was living in Trench Town that he formed The Wailing Wailers. Their first record was a number g) _____ hit in Jamaica.



First success



Bob married his girlfriend Rita in h) _____ and then went to work in the i) _____. When he returned to Jamaica, his band j) _____ their name to the Wailers. They k) _____ their own record label, and became successful throughout the Caribbean.

International superstar



In l) _____ they signed a record deal in London. Then Bob Marley and the Wailers toured the USA and released classic reggae albums with songs like *I Shot the Sheriff* and *No Woman No Cry*.

Bob now m) _____ an international superstar. His album *Exodus* went to number one in many countries in n) _____. And later, in o) _____, *Time Magazine* named it the 'Album of the century'. His music even appealed to the British royal family.

Music for peace

But Bob wasn't only a great musician, he was also an active campaigner for world p) _____. He received a United Nations Peace Medal in q) _____, and in 1980 played at the independence celebrations in Zimbabwe. Bob Marley died tragically young in r) _____. But his funeral was a celebration of his music. And his music lives on.

