

Famous Person Report Graphic Organizer - Ms. Colón / Mr. Feeley Spring 2011

My famous person is (E1) Celia Cruz

Year of birth (E2) Oct. 21, 1929 (?) Year of death (E2) July 16, 2003

Five important facts about my famous person (E3):

1. Celia Cruz grew up in Soto y Sobrie, a district of Havana in an extended family of 14. Celia enjoyed singing in school productions and at community gatherings. A tourist gave her the first pair of shoes for singing in ~~1947~~.

2. Celia studied to become a literature teacher, but after winning a talent show she left that course of study to pursue a singing career. She enrolled in Cuba Conservatory of Music and drew inspiration from the vocalist Paulina Alvarado. Her Cuban singer style.

3. Celia's big break came ^{in 1950} when she was invited to replace lead singer Myrtle Silva in the acclaimed orchestra Sonora Matancera. She stayed with the band for 15 years, touring the world and making frequent television and radio appearances.

4. In 1962 Celia married Roberto Knight, a trumpet player from Sonora Matancera. Celia left Cuba after the revolution of 1959.

5. She continued her musical career in Mexico. She and her husband decided to move to New York City.

6. Celia ~~continued~~, who only sang in her native Spanish achieved by success in the U.S. in the 1970's when she became identified with salsa, a Hispanic dance music that blended elements of Spanish and European music - rock, rumba, mambo, and jazz.

7. Celia Cruz became known for her ~~frank~~ animated, joyful, and explosive performances, her flamboyant and exotic costumes and hair, and her ~~performing~~.

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The **most** important achievement of my famous person (E4): In 1994
Celia was awarded the National Medal of the Arts, the highest
award given to artists or art patrons by the U.S. government for
outstanding cultural contributions.

This was the **most** important achievement because (E4) Celia is her
lifetime Celia overcome the challenge of success of being her
active Celia, enjoyed extraordinary success as a performing artist,
and made a unique and lasting contribution to music, U.S. culture,
and the world!

Inspirational quote (E5): Smiling is my life. It has
always been my life. It will always
be my life.

This quote is important in today's world because (E5): Celia loved
what she did and did it with love and tenacity.
She inspires others to find what they want to
do and to do it.

The connection between my famous person's life and work and something happening in today's world (E6): ② The dance company
Dance Contemporaries ~~at the~~ de Celia
is currently performing ~~in~~ its first-ever tour to the U.S. like
Celia. They bring ~~the~~ ^{Latin-Cuban inspired} music and dance
throughout the country, ~~and~~ ① in My 15 voice Celia ~~is~~ attempting the record

*Now you are ready to use this graphic organizer to write your report.

- She received many honors and awards and will always be remembered as the "Queen of Salsa"
Like Celia, the U.S. is a small ~~one~~ but were rescued by a cruise ship.
and some Celia ~~the~~ continue to take great risks and for make
great sacrifices for her Celia.

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