



# TINA TURNER



'I'm not wise, but the beginning of wisdom is there; it's like relaxing into - and an acceptance of - things.'

## BACKGROUND AND EARLY LIFE

On the 26th of November, 1939, Tina Turner, who's actually called Anna Mae Bullock, was born in Brownsville, Tennessee, U.S. She is an American-born Swiss singer. Floyd and Zelma Bullock, her parents, were meagre (poor) sharecroppers; they lent land to farmers as long as they got a share of the crops they grew. They divorced and left Tina and her sister, Alline Bullock, to live with their grandmother. In the early 1950s, her grandmother died. What a tragedy that must have been! Tina then went on to move to St.Louis, Missouri, to be with her mother.



Tina, scarcely in her teens, joined an R&B band, spending a lot of her time in club Manhattan. In 1956, she met rock and roll pioneer (rock and roll leader) Ike Turner, who lead a band. She dated him. After a short while, Tina was playing with the band, she was in the spotlight. It wasn't to long before she became a solo artist. She went on to become a famous singer and idol.

## PERSONAL LIFE AND RELIGION

When Tina Turner was 73, it was reported that she was engaged to Erwin Bach; a German record executive. Finally, in July 2013, months after she obtained her Swiss citizenship, she was happily married. In the 1970's, Tina was introduced to Nichiren Shoshu Buddhism. She found comfort during the rituals of chanting. Today she still admires the teachings of the Soka Gakkai International, a mass Buddhist organization (the largest).

## ACHIEVEMENTS



Over Tina's successful career, she achieved a multitude of things, such as: Grammy awards, American Music Award for Favourite Female Artist R&B/Soul and World Music Legend Award for Outstanding Contribution To The Music Industry. She is most famous for her music and never giving up. She has inspired so many people and is an idol in many ways.

## QUOTES

Here are some well known quotes spoken by Tina Turner:

'Sometimes you have got to let everything go - purge yourself. If you are unhappy with anything, get rid of it. You'll find that when your free, your true creativity, your true self comes out.'

'For me the goddess is the female of God, She is powerful and different.'

'Physical strength in a woman - that's what I am.'



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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. When was Tina Turner born?
2. What was Tina Turners real name?
3. Who did Tina Turner marry in 2013?
4. What religion did Tina Turner follow?
5. After Tina's grandmother died, where did she go to live?