



Aaliyah was born Aaliyah Dana Haughton on Jan. 16, 1979, in Brooklyn, New York. She made her stage debut as an orphan in a production of "Annie" at the age of six. Her uncle was married to soul singer Gladys Knight, who invited eleven year old Aaliyah to perform with her during a five-night stint in Las Vegas. Aaliyah was a talented young singer. She was featured on the talent search television program "Star Search."

Aaliyah received her first licensing deal as a teen-ager, after her uncle, Barry Hankerson, formed Blackground Records. Aaliyah's debut album, "Age Ain't Nothing But A Number", went gold in 1994, when she was 15. Aaliyah's music benefited from her close collaboration with hip-hop artist R. Kelly. After rumors that the two had married, they stopped working together. Aaliyah went on to make two more albums in a fruitful collaboration with producers Timbaland and Missy Elliot. Her third and last CD, "Aaliyah" was released in July 2001.

Aaliyah's song "Try Again" earned her a Grammy nomination for best female R&B vocalist. She was nominated in the same category in 1999 for "Are You That Somebody". In 1996, she released her second album; the single, "If Your Girl Only Knew", went double platinum.

In addition to being a talented musician, Aaliyah was building a reputation as an actress. She made her first feature film appearance in the movie "Romeo Must Die" with Jet Li. She also starred in "The Queen of the Damned", based on the novel by Anne Rice. She was also scheduled to act in the sequel to "The Matrix".

On August 26, 2001, Aaliyah was on her way to shoot a music video for her most recent album on Abaco Island, about 170 miles east of south Florida. Soon after takeoff for Florida, the plane she was travelling on crashed, just 200 feet beyond the end of the runway at Marsh Harbor International Airport on Abaco Island. The plane, a Cessna 402B, apparently suffered engine failure upon liftoff.

Aaliyah was only 22 years old.

1. What is Aaliyah's complete name?
2. When and where was Aaliyah born?
3. What was the name of Aaliyah's first album?
4. How old was she when she made her stage debut in "Annie"?
5. Besides R. Kelly, with whom did Aaliyah work on her albums?
6. Name three songs that Aaliyah recorded.
7. What was the first movie that Aaliyah played in?
8. Who else was in the movie with her?
9. Why was Aaliyah on Abaco Island?
10. What was the next movie that Aaliyah was to be in?
11. How old was Aaliyah when she died?