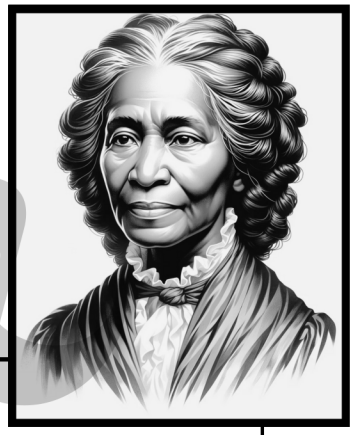
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MARY ANN SHADD CARY



Read the biographical passage about Mary Ann Shadd Cary and answer the questions.

Mary Ann Shadd Cary (1823 – 1893) was a pioneering African American journalist, educator, lawyer, and abolitionist. Born in Wilmington, Delaware, to free African American parents, Shadd Cary was raised in a household dedicated to the abolition of slavery. This upbringing ignited her lifelong commitment to equality and justice.

Shadd Cary's most notable contribution was as the first African American woman to publish and edit a newspaper in North America, the "Provincial Freeman" in Canada, which advocated for abolition and emigration to Canada among free African Americans. Her work as a journalist was instrumental in promoting the cause of abolition and offering valuable information to Black communities.

In addition to her journalistic endeavors, Shadd Cary was a passionate educator who established a school for African American children in Canada. Her advocacy extended beyond education and journalism; she was actively involved in the women's suffrage movement and fought for African American voting rights.

Later in life, Shadd Cary achieved another milestone by becoming one of the first African American women to earn a law degree from Howard University, further cementing her legacy as a trailblazer in the fight for civil rights.

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1 What was significant about the "Provincial Freeman," and why was Shadd Cary's role important?

2 How did Shadd Cary contribute to the education of African American children in Canada?

3 What milestone did Shadd Cary achieve later in her life, and why is it significant?

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