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LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA



Read the biography of Lin-Manuel Miranda and answer the comprehension questions using the passage for reference.

Lin-Manuel Miranda (born January 16, 1980) is an American songwriter, actor, and playwright who is best known for creating the hit Broadway musicals Hamilton and In the Heights. He was born in New York City to parents from Puerto Rico, and he grew up loving music and theater. As a child, Lin-Manuel enjoyed writing and performing, often making up songs and plays for his family.

Lin-Manuel studied theater at Wesleyan University, where he started writing In the Heights, a musical that celebrates Latino culture and community life in New York. When it opened on Broadway in 2008, it became a huge success and won several Tony Awards. This launched his career as one of the most creative voices in theater.

In 2015, Lin-Manuel created Hamilton, a musical that tells the story of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton using hip-hop, rap, and traditional show tunes. Hamilton was a groundbreaking hit, winning many awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. It became popular around the world and inspired many young people to learn about history through music.

Beyond Broadway, Lin-Manuel has written music for movies like Moana and Encanto. He has won awards such as Grammys, Tonys, and even an Emmy. Lin-Manuel is admired not only for his talent but also for the way he celebrates culture and inspires others to be creative. His story shows that hard work and imagination can change the world.

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1 What was the name of the first Broadway musical he wrote, and what culture did it celebrate?

2 Which famous musical did Lin-Manuel Miranda create in 2015, and what style of music did it use?

3 What lesson can we learn from Lin-Manuel Miranda's story?

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