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SELENA QUINTANILLA



Read the biography of Selena Quintanilla and answer the comprehension questions using the passage for reference.

Selena Quintanilla (April 16, 1971 – March 31, 1995) was an American singer, songwriter, and performer who became one of the most beloved stars of Latin music. She was born in Lake Jackson, Texas, and grew up singing in her family's band. Her father, Abraham, recognized her talent early and encouraged her to perform with her brother and sister.

As a teenager, Selena became known for her powerful voice and lively performances. She sang Tejano music, a style that blends Mexican and American sounds. At first, people were surprised to see a young girl leading a Tejano band, but Selena's talent quickly won them over. She released many popular songs and became known as the "Queen of Tejano Music."

Selena's albums, such as Amor Prohibido and Entre a Mi Mundo, sold millions of copies. In 1994, she won a Grammy Award for her album Selena Live! in the category of Best Mexican-American Album. This made history as one of the first times a female Tejano artist received such an honor. She was loved not only for her music but also for her kindness, style, and ability to connect with fans.

Sadly, Selena's life ended too soon in 1995, when she was only 23 years old. Even though her life was short, her music and spirit continue to inspire people around the world. Selena's story shows the power of following your dreams and sharing your talents with others.

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1 Where was Selena Quintanilla born, and what did her family encourage her to do when she was young?

2 What nickname did Selena earn because of her success in music?

3 What lesson can we learn from Selena's life and story?

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