

**BECAUSE
OF THEM
WE CAN**

BOX

JUST FOR KIDS

BECAUSE OF STEVIE WONDER

ISSUE 6, 5-8

HAPPY
**BLACK
MUSIC
MONTH!**

BOTWC MINI POSING AS
STEVIE WONDER



STEVIE WONDER: BORN TO WIN!

DIRECTIONS: READ THE PASSAGE BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.



STEVLAND HARDAWAY JUDKINS OR **STEVIE WONDER** WAS BORN ON MAY 13, 1950, IN MICHIGAN.

STEVIE WONDER WAS BORN BLIND BUT THAT DID NOT STOP HIM. HE IS ONE OF THE GREATEST MUSICIANS IN THE WORLD! HE SANG IN CHURCH AT 8 YEARS OLD AND TAUGHT HIMSELF HOW TO PLAY THE PIANO, HARMONICA, AND DRUMS WHEN HE WAS 9 YEARS OLD!

AT THE AGE OF 11, STEVIE WONDER RECEIVED A SINGING **CONTRACT** WITH MOTOWN RECORDS – THE FIRST BLACK-OWNED RECORD LABEL.

12-YEAR-OLD GENIUS.” THE ALBUM WENT #1 ON THE BILLBOARD CHARTS, MAKING HIM THE YOUNGEST MUSICIAN TO EVER HAVE A #1 ON THE BILLBOARD CHARTS!

HIS FIRST LIVE **ALBUM** WAS CALLED “RECORDED LIVE: THE



25 GRAMMYS. HE ALSO SOLD OVER 100 MILLION ALBUMS! HE WAS INVITED TO JOIN THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME AT A TIME WHEN MANY BLACK MUSICIANS WERE NOT INCLUDED.

**MAKE
SOME
MUSIC!**

STEVIE USED HIS GIFT OF MUSIC TO SPREAD LOVE AND PEACE. HIS MUSIC CAN STILL BE HEARD AT MANY DIFFERENT EVENTS, SUCH AS BIRTHDAY PARTIES, WEDDINGS, COOKOUTS, AND FUNERALS. AS A RESULT OF HIS LONG CAREER, HE HAS A HUGE **IMPACT** ON THE MUSIC THAT CAME AFTER HIM.

STEVIE WONDER WORKED HARD, DID NOT LET ANYTHING STOP HIM FROM DOING GREAT THINGS, AND HE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MUSICIANS IN THE WORLD.



READ & ANSWER!

1. WHAT DID STEVIE WONDER LEARN TO DO AT 9 YEARS OLD?

2. WHY IS STEVIE WONDER AN IMPORTANT MUSICIAN? WHERE MIGHT YOU HEAR SOME OF STEVIE WONDER'S MUSIC?



GLOSSARY

BLIND: UNABLE TO SEE DUE TO AN INJURY OR DISEASE

ALBUM: A GROUP OF SONGS ON A CD

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM: AN AWARD FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

ADMIRABLE: SOMEONE OR SOMETHING THAT DESERVES RESPECT

CONTRACT: A WRITTEN OR SPOKEN AGREEMENT

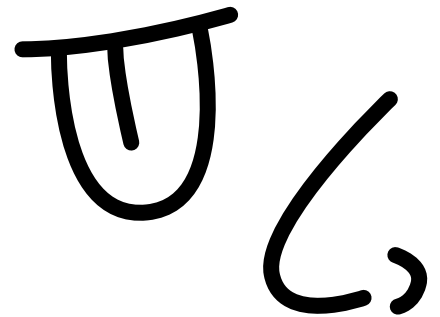
IMPACT: HAVE A STRONG EFFECT ON SOMEONE OR SOMETHING



3. STEVIE WONDER WENT THROUGH MANY CHALLENGES IN HIS LIFE, BUT HE STAYED DETERMINED AND SUCCEEDED. WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU WORKED HARD TO LEARN? WHO OR WHAT HELPED YOU?

DID YOU KNOW?

- STEVIE WONDER WAS IN A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AND LOST TWO IMPORTANT HUMAN SENSES. THE SENSE OF SMELL AND THE SENSE OF TASTE.



- STEVIE WONDER'S "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" SONG IS DEDICATED TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. GO TAKE A LISTEN!
- BARACK AND MICHELLE OBAMA'S FAVORITE MUSICIAN IS STEVIE WONDER! THEY HAVE INVITED HIM TO SING AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON MANY OCCASIONS.

WORD SEARCH

CHALLENGE: TIME YOURSELF. CAN YOU FIND ALL THE WORDS IN 2 MINUTES? GOOD LUCK!

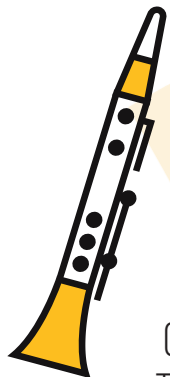
FIND THE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE

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| BLIND | PIANIST |
| DEDICATION | SINGER |
| HARMONICA | STEVIE |
| LEADER | SUNGLASSES |
| LEGEND | WONDER |
| MUSICIAN | |

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BY STEVIE WONDER



[VERSE 1]

YOU KNOW IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH
SENSE

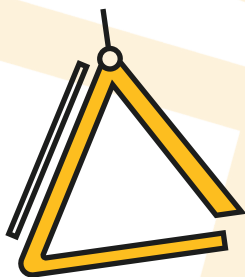
THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW AGAINST
ANYONE WHO TAKES OFFENSE
AT A DAY IN YOUR CELEBRATION
CAUSE WE ALL KNOW IN OUR MINDS

THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE A TIME
THAT WE CAN SET ASIDE

TO SHOW JUST HOW MUCH WE LOVE YOU
AND I'M SURE YOU WOULD AGREE
IT COULDN'T FIT MORE PERFECTLY
THAN TO HAVE A WORLD PARTY ON THE DAY YOU
CAME TO BE

[HOOK]

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



[VERSE 2]

I JUST NEVER UNDERSTOOD
HOW A MAN WHO DIED FOR GOOD
COULD NOT HAVE A DAY THAT WOULD
BE SET ASIDE FOR HIS RECOGNITION
BECAUSE IT SHOULD NEVER BE
JUST BECAUSE SOME CANNOT SEE
THE DREAM AS CLEAR AS HE
THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE IT BECOME AN ILLUSION
AND WE ALL KNOW EVERYTHING
THAT HE STOOD FOR TIME WILL BRING
FOR IN PEACE OUR HEARTS WILL SING
THANKS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING

[HOOK]

[BRIDGE]

WHY HAS THERE NEVER BEEN A HOLIDAY
WHERE PEACE IS CELEBRATED
ALL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

[VERSE 3]

THE TIME IS OVERDUE
FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME AND YOU
WHO KNOW THE WAY TO TRUTH
IS LOVE AND UNITY TO ALL GOD'S
CHILDREN

IT SHOULD BE A GREAT EVENT
AND THE WHOLE DAY SHOULD BE SPENT
IN FULL REMEMBRANCE
OF THOSE WHO LIVED AND DIED FOR THE ONENESS
OF ALL PEOPLE
SO LET US ALL BEGIN
WE KNOW THAT LOVE CAN WIN
LET IT OUT DON'T HOLD IT IN
SING IT LOUD AS YOU CAN



[HOOK]

[OUTRO]

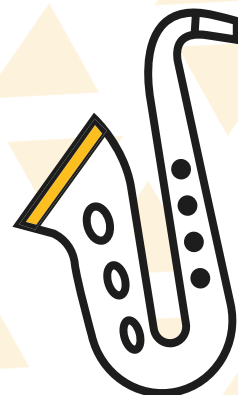
WE KNOW THE KEY TO UNIFY ALL PEOPLE
IS IN THE DREAM THAT YOU HAD SO LONG AGO
THAT LIVES IN ALL OF THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE
THAT BELIEVE IN UNITY
WE'LL MAKE THE DREAM BECOME A REALITY
I KNOW WE WILL
BECAUSE OUR HEARTS TELL US SO



MUSIC CHALLENGE

PLAY YOUR HARMONICA WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED
& RECORD YOUR EXPERIENCE

WHAT WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE LIKE? WHAT CHALLENGES DID YOU FACE?
HOW DID YOU OVERCOME THESE CHALLENGES?



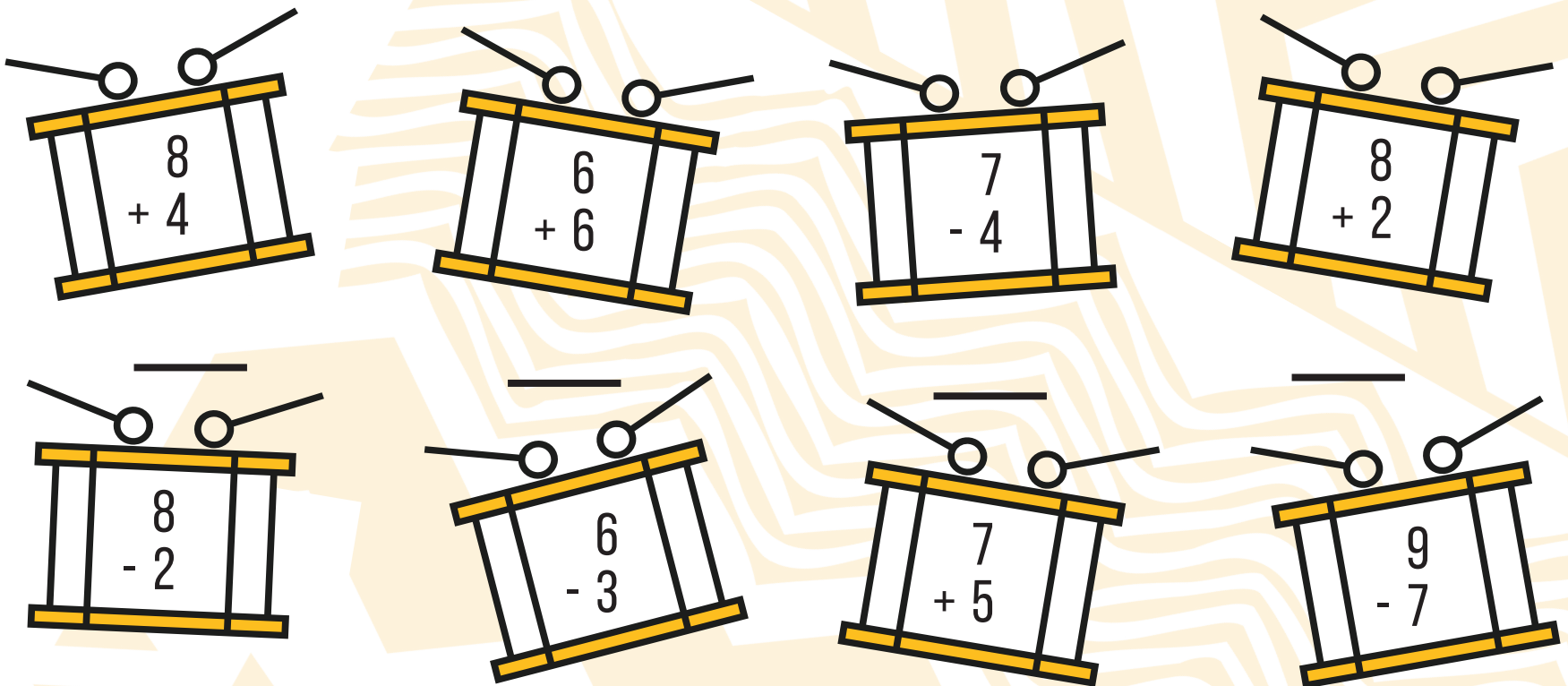
LET'S SUBTRACT!

STEVIE WONDER HAS \$95 TO SPEND IN THE MUSIC STORE.
HE WANTS TO BUY A NEW HARMONICA THAT COST \$72.
HOW MUCH CHANGE WILL STEVIE GET BACK?



STEVIE WILL GET BACK \$ _____ FROM THE MUSIC STORE.

LET'S ADD AND SUBTRACT!



ANSWERS: (1) 23 (2) 12, 12, 3, 10, 6, 3, 12, 2

TAKE THE PLEDGE

I WILL HONOR
THE SACRIFICES OF
MY ANCESTORS.

I WILL BELIEVE
IN ME.

I WILL PURSUE
MY DREAMS.

I WILL HELP
OTHERS ALONG
THE WAY.