

Louis Armstrong Biography

Why is it important to know that Louis Armstrong dropped out of fifth grade to go to work?

An early job working for the Jewish Karnofsky family allowed Armstrong to make enough money to purchase his first cornet.

Why may have Louis Armstrong left Oliver to make it on his own in music?

His wife encouraged him to leave Oliver and make his own music. They were hoping it would help get his name out in the world more.

What is an apt or clear description of Louis Armstrong's musical tours and how may have this effected the world?

His musical tours were very popular and everyone wanted to hear him and listen to him. He went on many tours around the world and gave hope to people of his race. That they can do whatever they put their mind to. Especially during the 1930's when the depression was going on he could have given them hope. Louis could have been there to get away from the real world for a few minutes.

Commented [1]: Good Observation, Armstrong also this demonstrates that Armstrong rose out of poverty and overcome social barriers of a dangerous neighborhood

Given that African American fame was scarce, or rare, how do you think Louis Armstrong's fame could impact the world?

Louis was a great Civil Rights pioneer for his race, breaking down numerous barriers as a young man. Since Louis was one of the bigger/known African American musicians, he could have inspired more people of his race to go out and achieve their dreams. He also impacted the world by showing people that it doesn't matter what race you are, you can still achieve great things. He set the stage for many young African American musicians and songwriters.

Commented [2]: Well Answered!! You did an excellent job of looking at the changing social context in Armstrong's life to understand how he effect the World around him!

Commented [3]: You did a nice job on looking at how the music industry was impacted (regarding Louis Armstrong's influence) in bringing in young African American songwriters and composers. Dually, you explained the impact of how his presence helped decrease racism, even though still present in this era.