

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. Also he lived in a dangerous and poor neighborhood so he had to work to help his family out financially.

Commented [1]: Excellent, this important observation helps understand what characterized Armstrong as a person.

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

His wife urged him to leave Oliver and make his own music, there were hoping that leaving would help him get his name out for people to know.

Commented [2]: Louis Armstrong left both for fame which you did a good job of citing, but also income improvement (to make more money)

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

His popularity was so great from being on the radio, in films and with his recordings. He became popular and went on many tours around the world and gave hope to people of his race that they can do great things. He showed others that if you work hard you can achieve your goals, he affected the world by showing that racism is bad and everyone is the same no matter their color or race. He also gave hope and happiness to many people during the depression.

Commented [3]: This is an excellent observation, keep in mind he indirectly showed racism was evil as he showed everyone was "equal," but keep in mind everyone is not the same as different people have unique skills they bring, such as how Louis Armstrong inspired talented young people (especially African Americans) to pursue music.

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. Louis was one one of the bigger/known african american musicians he could have inspired more people of his race to go out and achieve his dreams. He impacted the world by showing others that it doesn't matter what race you are, you could still achieve great things, he set the stage for many young african american musicians and gave them hope.

Commented [4]: Great Observation!