

## **Clues for Aretha Franklin**

1. Born in 1942 to a family of three siblings, a famous father who preached at Detroit's New Bethel Baptist Church and a mother who cared for patients in a hospital.
2. Grew up in a household brimming with people, where music filled the rafters and talk of civil rights took center stage.
3. Cut her teeth singing with her brother and sisters in the church and was quickly recognized as the star child.
4. When her parents divorced, her mother Barbara moved to Buffalo, NY., where she visited her every summer.
5. Just before her tenth birthday, her mother died tragically, but a few months later, she stood on a chair in church and belted out the song "Jesus Be a Fence Around Me," drawing strength from her sadness while a thousand people watched.
6. Joined her daddy's Gospel Caravan traveling from California to North Carolina at the age of 12.
7. Launched her career at 18, with limited success until 1966 when she signed with Atlantic Records, recording numerous hit songs like "Respect."
8. Being a shrewd businesswoman as well as a gifted singer and pianist, she demanded a cash payment before each performance and kept the money safely in her purse on stage.

9. She often wore a fur coat on stage to honor her gospel elders:  
Mahalia Jackson and Clara Ward
10. Crowned the “Queen of Soul” in the late 1960s, the first female inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987 and received the Presidential Medal of Honor in 2005.
11. Provided money and gave benefit concerts promoting civil rights, women’s rights, and was a strong supporter of Native American Rights.
12. In 2011, she released the song under her own label ‘Aretha: A Woman Falling Out of Love.’”