

Pauline Johnson

These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the Pauline Johnson biography.

1. What was Pauline Johnson's Mohawk name? What is its meaning and where did she obtain that name?
2. At what age did Pauline begin writing? Touring?
3. List some of the inspirations that influenced Pauline's writing.
4. Why did people all over North American want to see Pauline on stage?
5. Who is Walter McRae? What role did he play in Pauline's life? Do you think she could have been as successful without his influence?
6. Name five places where Pauline performed.
7. What impact did Pauline have on Canadian identity?
8. What sorts of issues (political, social, etc.) are evident in Pauline's writing? Construct a list.
9. Female writers were not widely published during the nineteenth century. What sort of obstacles did Pauline have to overcome to get published? How was she able to do so?
10. Would Pauline Johnson have considered herself a feminist? Explain.