

Wilf Carter

These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the Wilf Carter biography.

1. How is Wilf Carter described by his peers?
2. Where was he born?
3. Where did yodeling originate from? What was it originally used for?
4. Who or what inspired Wilf Carter to become a singer?
5. What was Wilf's father like?
6. At what age did Wilf begin working? What did he do?
7. Describe rural Nova Scotia at the turn of the twentieth century.
8. Why did Wilf Carter want to go out west? How did this differ from the typical reasons people moved to the Canadian west?
9. What was Wilf's job in Banff?
10. What factors led to the Depression?
11. Why did men "ride the rails" during the Depression? What did this mean?
12. Why is Wilf Carter referred to as a "real" cowboy?
13. Who was Pete Knight? What influence did he have on Wilf?
14. What is the difference between folk music and country music?
15. Why do some people consider Wilf a folk singer? What else could he be called?
16. Why did Wilf become so popular on CFCN?
17. What year did Wilf get his first record deal?
18. What was Wilf's first #1 song?
19. How was Wilf known in the United States?
20. What had Wilf's record sales hit by 1947?

21. How did Wilf's car accident affect him?
22. Who did Wilf take on tour with him when he returned to music? What kind of venues did they play?
23. What new challenge did Wilf take on in the 1950s?
24. According to Wilf's peers, why didn't his music become popular with younger people?
25. Where did Wilf die?
26. How did Wilf treat his fans?
27. What was Wilf's last tour called? Why?
28. What was the last song he sang in concert?