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# Michaela DePrince, groundbreaking ballerina, passes away at 29

## Description

The passing of Michaela DePrince, a ballet icon and humanitarian who overcame a traumatic childhood, was announced on her Instagram page at the age of 29. Born Mabinty Bangura in Sierra Leone, she endured mistreatment, malnourishment, and vitiligo at the orphanage where she grew up. Forced to flee to a refugee camp due to impending danger, DePrince was eventually adopted by a couple from New Jersey and moved to the United States at the age of 4.

Despite her challenging past, DePrince found solace and inspiration in dance, eventually training at prestigious ballet schools and making a name for herself in the dance world. She faced racial discrimination along the way, but her determination was unwavering. DePrince's career soared as she became the youngest principal dancer at the Dance Theatre of Harlem and joined the Dutch National Ballet, breaking new ground and inspiring many.

Outside of dance, DePrince was a passionate advocate for children affected by conflict and violence, serving as an ambassador for War Child Holland. Her life was characterized by grace, purpose, and strength, leaving a lasting impact on those around her.

DePrince's unexpected passing has left her family, friends, and admirers in mourning. Details about the cause of her death and memorial services are yet to be disclosed. Despite the tragic loss, her legacy as a beacon of hope and resilience will continue to inspire generations to come.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Humanitarian** /hjuːˌmæniˈteəriən/ (noun): A person who seeks to promote human welfare.
2. **Malnourishment** /ˌmælˈnʌrɪʃmənt/ (noun): A condition resulting from a lack of proper nutrition.
3. **Vitiligo** /ˌvɪtɪˈlaɪɡoʊ/ (noun): A skin condition characterized by patches of skin losing their pigment.
4. **Discrimination** /dɪsˌkrɪmɪˈneɪʃən/ (noun): The unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people.
5. **Advocate** /ˈæd.və.keɪt/ (verb): To publicly support a particular cause or policy.
6. **Resilience** /rɪˈzɪl.jəns/ (noun): The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. Where was Michaela DePrince born?

- Option: Sierra Leone
- Option: United States
- Option: Netherlands
- Option: Kenya

2. At what age did Michaela DePrince move to the United States?

- Option: 2
- Option: 4
- Option: 6
- Option: 8

3. In which ballet company did Michaela DePrince become the youngest principal dancer?

- Option: Dance Theatre of Harlem
- Option: American Ballet Theatre
- Option: Royal Ballet
- Option: Paris Opera Ballet

4. What role did Michaela DePrince serve as for War Child Holland?

- Option: Goodwill Ambassador
- Option: Executive Director
- Option: Chairperson
- Option: Spokesperson

5. Michaela DePrince found solace and inspiration in which art form?

- Option: Dance
- Option: Painting
- Option: Music
- Option: Sculpture

6. In which country did Michaela DePrince join the Dutch National Ballet?

- Option: United States
- Option: Netherlands
- Option: France
- Option: Italy



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## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Sierra Leone 2. 4 3. Dance Theatre of Harlem 4. Goodwill Ambassador 5. Dance  
6. Netherlands

## Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. What is the meaning of the word "contention"?

- Option: A. Harmony
- Option: B. Disagreement
- Option: C. Creativity
- Option: D. Clarity

2. Which word best describes something that is deeply loved or valued?

- Option: A. Revealed
- Option: B. Forgotten
- Option: C. Cherished
- Option: D. Abandoned

3. An \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy.

- Option: A. Opponent
- Option: B. Advocate
- Option: C. Critic
- Option: D. Adversary

4. Vitiligo is a skin condition characterized by \_\_\_\_\_.

- Option: A. Darkening of skin
- Option: B. Skin pigmentation loss
- Option: C. Skin thickening
- Option: D. Excessive sweating

5. A \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of a subject is one that is subtle and sensitive to details or variations.

- Option: A. Complex
- Option: B. Basic
- Option: C. Nuanced
- Option: D. Generic



6. Malnourishment is a condition caused by \_\_\_\_\_.

- Option: A. Excessive eating
- Option: B. Proper nutrition
- Option: C. Inadequate diet
- Option: D. Regular exercise

7. What does the term "discrimination" refer to?

- Option: A. Fair treatment
- Option: B. Unjust or prejudicial treatment
- Option: C. Equality
- Option: D. Shared opportunities

8. Restitution involves the act of \_\_\_\_\_.

- Option: A. Giving gifts
- Option: B. Compensation or repayment
- Option: C. Penalties
- Option: D. Forgiveness

9. To transcend means to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Option: A. Understand deeply
- Option: B. Rise above or go beyond
- Option: C. Stay in the same place
- Option: D. Confront directly

10. An impersonator is someone who \_\_\_\_\_.

- Option: A. Mimics or imitates another person
- Option: B. Creates original works of art
- Option: C. Represents a company
- Option: D. Advocates for change

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The issue was highly \_\_\_\_\_ leading to heated debates among experts.

12. Understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of the legal system can be challenging for non-lawyers.

13. Their \_\_\_\_\_ friendship lasted over four decades standing the test of time.

14. It was time to \_\_\_\_\_ the traditional approach and come up with innovative ideas.

15. The community showed remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ in rebuilding after the disaster.



16. The fashion brand launched an \_\_\_\_\_ campaign to inspire people to dream big.
17. The political cartoon \_\_\_\_\_ the government's handling of the crisis.
18. She had an \_\_\_\_\_ career receiving numerous awards for her work.
19. Using \_\_\_\_\_ language towards others is not acceptable behavior.
20. The plot to overthrow the government was part of a \_\_\_\_\_ scheme by the rebels.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. After a long day at work she sat quietly her next career move.
22. The legal case involved a complex of business contracts and personal relationships.
23. The song's lyrics had a deep emotional with the listeners.
24. The fallen soldiers were on Remembrance Day for their sacrifice.
25. The restaurant had a cozy and inviting perfect for a romantic dinner.
26. Children in impoverished regions are at risk of due to lack of access to proper nutrition.
27. The organization provided aid to refugees in war-torn countries.
28. Michael Jackson famously suffered from a skin condition called causing loss of pigmentation.
29. Employment laws protect individuals from unfair based on race or gender.
30. She has been a strong for animal rights leading campaigns against animal cruelty.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. B. Disagreement 2. C. Cherished 3. B. Advocate 4. B. Skin pigmentation loss 5. C. Nuanced 6. C. Inadequate diet 7. B. Unjust or prejudicial treatment 8. B. Compensation or repayment 9. B. Rise above or go beyond 10. A. Mimics or imitates another person

**Gap-Fill:** 11. contentious 12. intricacies 13. enduring 14. reimagine 15. resilience 16. aspirational 17. lampooned 18. illustrious 19. derogatory 20. nefarious

**Matching sentence:** 1. contemplating 2. entanglement 3. resonance 4. commemorated 5. ambiance 6. malnourishment 7. humanitarian 8. vitiligo 9. discrimination 10. advocate



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