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# Oprah Discusses Whitney Houston's Stage Fall After Relapse

## Description

Oprah Winfrey has shared new information about Whitney Houston's last years. She revealed that Houston fell off the stage during a taping of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in 2009. Winfrey spoke about this incident at the Cannes Lions event, where she received the LionHeart Award. The fall happened after Houston, who had a long struggle with drug addiction, relapsed.

Winfrey said, "Whitney did, I think, what was her last show with us. She had gone back on drugs." During her first interview with Houston, the singer was sober, but on the day of the performance, she was not and fell off the stage.

Winfrey acted quickly to keep this incident private, fearing it would harm Houston's image. She urged the audience not to share photos of the fall. She said, "If that story got out... she would be destroyed."

Houston appeared on the show to support her 2009 comeback album "I Look to You," her first in seven years. The album reached No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart. Sadly, Houston passed away in February 2012 at the age of 48.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **taping** //ˈteɪpɪŋ// (noun): a recording of a TV show or event
2. **incident** //ˈɪnsɪdənt// (noun): an event, especially something bad or unusual
3. **relapsed** //rɪˈlæpsd// (verb): started using drugs again after stopping
4. **addiction** //əˈdɪkʃən// (noun): a strong need to keep using a drug
5. **sober** //ˈsoʊbər// (adjective): not using alcohol or drugs at that time
6. **urged** //ɜːdʒd// (verb): strongly asked someone to do something

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. In what year did Whitney Houston fall off the stage during 'The Oprah Winfrey Show'?  
Option: 2007  
Option: 2008



Option: 2009

Option: 2010

2. What award did Oprah Winfrey receive at the Cannes Lions event?

Option: LionHeart Award

Option: Cannes Gold Award

Option: Humanitarian Award

Option: Best Interviewer Award

3. What was the title of Whitney Houston's comeback album released in 2009?

Option: I Will Always Love You

Option: I Look to You

Option: The Bodyguard

Option: My Love Is Your Love

4. How long had it been since Whitney Houston released an album before 'I Look to You'?

Option: 3 years

Option: 5 years

Option: 7 years

Option: 10 years

5. How old was Whitney Houston when she passed away?

Option: 45

Option: 46

Option: 47

Option: 48

6. What chart did Houston's album 'I Look to You' reach No. 1 on?

Option: Billboard Hot 100

Option: Billboard 200

Option: Billboard R&B

Option: Billboard Rock

### True-False

7. Oprah Winfrey shared details about Whitney Houston's last years at the Cannes Lions event.

8. Whitney Houston was sober during her last performance on 'The Oprah Winfrey Show'.



9. Oprah acted quickly to keep the incident of Houston's fall private.
10. Whitney Houston's fall during the show had no implications for her public image.
11. The fall occurred during a taping of 'The Ellen DeGeneres Show'.
12. Whitney Houston's comeback album was released in 2010.

### Gap-Fill

13. Whitney Houston fell off the stage during a taping of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show' in \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Oprah Winfrey received the LionHeart Award at the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions event.
15. Houston's album, 'I Look to You,' was her first in \_\_\_\_\_ years.
16. The fall happened after Houston had a long struggle with \_\_\_\_\_ addiction.
17. Whitney Houston passed away at the age of \_\_\_\_\_ in February 2012.
18. Oprah urged the audience not to share photos of the \_\_\_\_\_ during the show.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 2009 2. LionHeart Award 3. I Look to You 4. 7 years 5. 48 6. Billboard 200

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 2009 14. Cannes 15. seven 16. drug 17. 48 18. fall

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