

Taylor's Swift Rise

On November 5, 2022, all of the top ten songs on the Billboard list were sung by one person. That person was Taylor Swift. She was the first singer to reach that goal. Amazing!

Taylor has achieved many goals during her career. But how did it all start? When did Taylor know she wanted to sing?

It turns out she knew at a very early age. She started singing as a young child. When she was 11 years old, she sang the national anthem at a baseball game. The next year she learned to play guitar and started writing songs.

Taylor's first music style was country. Her family moved to Nashville when she was 13 so that she could follow her country music dreams. A year later she was hired as a songwriter. When she was 16 she recorded her first album.

Taylor has sold over 100 million albums. She has won 11 Grammy awards. She won the best album of the year award when she was only 20. She was the youngest winner of the award ever.

Taylor's music style has moved from country to rock to folk and back again. She is known for writing about personal stories. She sings her songs with powerful emotions.



In addition to being an awesome musician, Taylor is a great businessperson. She has learned many lessons about the business side of music. She runs a school for young musicians to teach them how to manage their careers.

Taylor is a talented role model for other singers. Just when you think she's reached every music goal, she climbs even higher. Her fans can't wait to see what she does next!



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Instructions for teachers:

These questions can be used to assess understanding of the reading passage.

The item in bold is the correct answer for each question.

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