

# MEET SOME JAZZ LEGENDS

In the new movie *Soul*, Joe Gardner is inspired by some of the greatest jazz artists in history. Read about some of Joe's jazz heroes.



## LOUIS ARMSTRONG

(1901-1971)

Louis Armstrong is the most famous jazz player of all time. Born in New Orleans, he grew up poor, but loved watching local jazz musicians play. Nicknamed Satchmo, Armstrong was a great trumpet player, singer, and bandleader. One of his hit songs was "What a Wonderful World." Armstrong was also known for scat, which is making up words in a song.



## JOHN COLTRANE

(1926-1967)

John Coltrane, born in North Carolina, was an acclaimed American saxophonist, bandleader, and composer, and became an iconic figure of 20th-century jazz. To Coltrane, a musician was a message-giver, and music provided a spiritual purpose. Many people think he is one of the greatest saxophone players of all time.



## BILLIE HOLIDAY

(1915-1959)

Billie Holiday was born in Philadelphia and began her singing career in Harlem, New York. She was known for her expressive voice, inventive sense of rhythm, and ability to improvise on a tune while she was performing. Billie never learned to read music, but that did not stop her from being voted best female jazz vocalist four years in a row. Many singers have been influenced by Billie and her techniques.



**Part 1:** Answer the questions below:

1. Who is recognized as one of the greatest saxophone players of all time? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which artist could improvise while singing? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was Louis Armstrong's nickname? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2:** Now, think about someone who inspires you. Answer the questions below.

1. Who inspires you?  
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2. Why does that person inspire you?  
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3. What qualities does that person have that you admire?  
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4. How has that person influenced your life or interests?  
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Join aspiring jazz musician Joe Gardner on an unexpected journey as he explores the question, "WHAT MAKES YOU, YOU?"  
*Soul* is coming soon to theaters.



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