

Y3 Information Text: Biography Example Text Annotated

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Who Was the Real Snow White?⁷

Snow White's real name was Blanche Neige and she **was born² in New York¹⁰ on 14th February, 1904⁸**. She got the **nickname¹⁶ Snow White⁴ when⁸ she⁴ was very young because⁹ of her pale¹⁵, white skin.¹¹** She **loved²** to sing and entertain **her parents⁴ at¹⁰ their⁴ beautiful¹⁴** family home **as a**



little girl⁸. The three **were² wonderfully¹⁴** happy together but sadly her mother Beatrice died at the age of only 30. Her father Benedict was **heartbroken¹⁶** and Snow White was miserable **so⁹ they⁴** looked after each other **for⁸ a few⁵** years.

Mr Neige⁴ decided¹⁷ to get married² again **after⁸ he⁴** met a **glamorous¹⁴** woman called Maledicta. Snow White **mistrusted¹³ her new stepmother⁴ as⁹ she⁴ treated other people unkindly^{13&14 11}**.

"I'm² the classiest¹⁴ woman in New York."¹² she boasted to **everyone⁴** but **they⁴** all liked Snow White better. Maledicta **decided¹⁷** to get rid of her **stepdaughter¹⁶**. **On June 8th, 1924⁸** she instructed her **bodyguard¹⁶** to take Snow White **to the river¹⁰** and shoot her!

Luckily⁹ he⁴ couldn't do it² so instead he left Snow White alone **by the docks¹⁰**. She **has said that she was so^{2&3} unhappy¹³ at that moment⁸** she nearly drowned herself. She was **then⁸** saved by the sound of music **from¹⁰ a⁵** nearby jazz club. She entered the club **to ask²** for help **where¹⁰ the musicians¹⁶ took pity on her.¹¹** **The Seven Jazzmen⁴** invited her to stay but said she'd have to be **their⁴** singer. **A reporter^{4&5} from the New York Times¹⁰ called Jon Draper⁴ heard¹⁷** her and fell in love with

her fabulous voice. **Afterwards⁸** he wrote **an⁵** article about this amazing **new¹⁵** singing **sensation¹⁴** and **soon⁸** she was **famous¹⁷** all over the city. Her **stepmother¹⁶** pretended to be pleased but really she was **furious¹⁷**! She **held²** a grand party **on New Year's Day 1925⁸** to celebrate Snow White's success. Maledicta gave

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Snow White a cocktail with a poisonous cherry in it **during the party**⁸. Snow White collapsed **as soon as she drank it**^{8&11} and the **paramedics**¹⁶ couldn't revive her.

The whole of New York⁴ was devastated **by**⁹ the loss. **Her friends the Jazzmen**⁴ carried the glass coffin **into the church**¹⁰ **at her funeral**⁸ but **they**⁴ were so upset **that they stumbled and bumped it on the ground**¹¹. **Onlookers**^{4&16} were amazed **when Snow White**⁸ **opened her eyes**¹¹. Doctors realised that the cherry **had only been**² stuck **in her throat**¹⁰ and the knock **released it**². Jon Draper told **the police**⁴ about the poison and **they**⁴ arrested Maledicta and she was sent **to prison**¹⁰ **for 10 years**⁸.

Snow White and **Jon**⁴ **married**² **after**⁸ **he became the band's manager**⁴. **The couple**⁴ and the Seven Jazzmen travelled the world and **made**^{2&15} many hit recordings. **Maledicta**⁴ wrote to Snow White **from jail**¹⁰ and **apologised**¹⁶ for **her**⁴ jealous behaviour and she **became**² the singer's **biggest**⁹ fan once she was released from prison.

Snow White **has**^{2&3} **often**¹⁷ been called the greatest singer **of the 1920s**⁸ and her records **are**² still **popular**¹⁷ today.

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