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Bob and Dolores Hope enjoyed golf throughout their life together.

### More information on Bob Hope

The Library of Congress has more information about the role Bob Hope played in political humor and in entertainment. Visit: <http://myloc.gov/exhibitions/hopeforamerica> and [www.loc.gov/exhibits/bobhope](http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/bobhope)

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*My Life in Jokes* - By Bob Hope and Linda Hope

*The Last Christmas Show* - By Bob Hope as told by Pete Martin

## HOPE ON THE ROAD

With the support of the Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation, the World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum developed this special exhibit which will travel to other institutions as of September 2011.

The exhibit includes more than 170 artifacts, vintage photography, classic video and scores of laughs as it celebrates the life of one of the world's most loved entertainers, which spanned a century. To find out if this exhibit is coming to your area, please visit: [www.worldgolfhalloffame.org](http://www.worldgolfhalloffame.org)

## ABOUT THE WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

The Hall of Fame, located in historic St. Augustine, FL, teaches the stories of the game through its more than 130 inspirational members. Permanent tributes are paid to each current member, including Bob Hope, and an annual Induction Ceremony is held to welcome new ones.

Visitors learn more about the sport through thousands of artifacts, video and photography on display within its 75,000 square foot facility, which is open 363 days a year and includes an IMAX Theater that shows educational films.



The Hall is located at World Golf Village, a golf resort in Northeast Florida between Jacksonville and historic downtown St. Augustine, "America's Oldest City." To plan a visit: [www.worldgolfvillage.com](http://www.worldgolfvillage.com).



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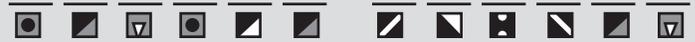
The Hope family. Bob is at the bottom right of this photo.

# FAMILY HISTORY

“I was born in 1903 at Eltham in England. Eltham is about ten miles from Charing Cross Station. It’s pronounced without the ‘h’. When I was about two years old, my father and mother moved to Bristol. My mother was the daughter of a Welsh sea captain. Her name was Avis Townes. My dad’s name was William Henry Hope.”

– Bob Hope

When Bob Hope was born, he wasn’t named Bob. Use the code to discover his name.



= E	= I	= N	= P	= T
= H	= L	= O	= S	= W

## ALWAYS LEAVE THEM LAUGHING

Bob was the fifth of seven boys. His father \_\_\_\_\_ to find work to feed his large family.

During the \_\_\_\_\_ times, his mother, Avis, tried to keep the family’s \_\_\_\_\_ high playing her spinet piano and singing songs. She took them to watch street performers and magicians and out for picnics.

Even as a child of four, Bob loved to perform. He would \_\_\_\_\_ people and make them laugh. His great-great-aunt Polly once told him, “That’s right, lad, I hope you always leave them \_\_\_\_\_!”

Replace the missing words.

SPIRITS

IMITATE

DIFFICULT

STRUGGLED

LAUGHING

## HEADING TO AMERICA

In the early 1900s, Bob’s father left for the United States hoping to find work. On March 30, 1907, Avis and their sons followed him to America, arriving by a ship at Ellis Island in view of New York City.

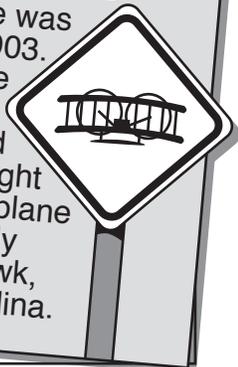
For 4-year-old Bob, the arrival at Ellis Island was a frightening experience. He later said, “I ran all over the place. I wouldn’t let them vaccinate me. I didn’t want them to put that needle in. But they finally got me.”



Bob Hope and 16 million other people came to the U.S. through the Ellis Island Immigration Center. In 1986, because of Hope’s outstanding humanitarian work and contributions to the entertainment world, he received an Ellis Island Medal of Honor. In 2010, the research library in the Ellis Island Immigration Museum was renamed the Bob Hope Memorial Library.

## The Road to History

Bob Hope was born in 1903. That same year, Orville and Wilbur Wright flew an airplane successfully at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

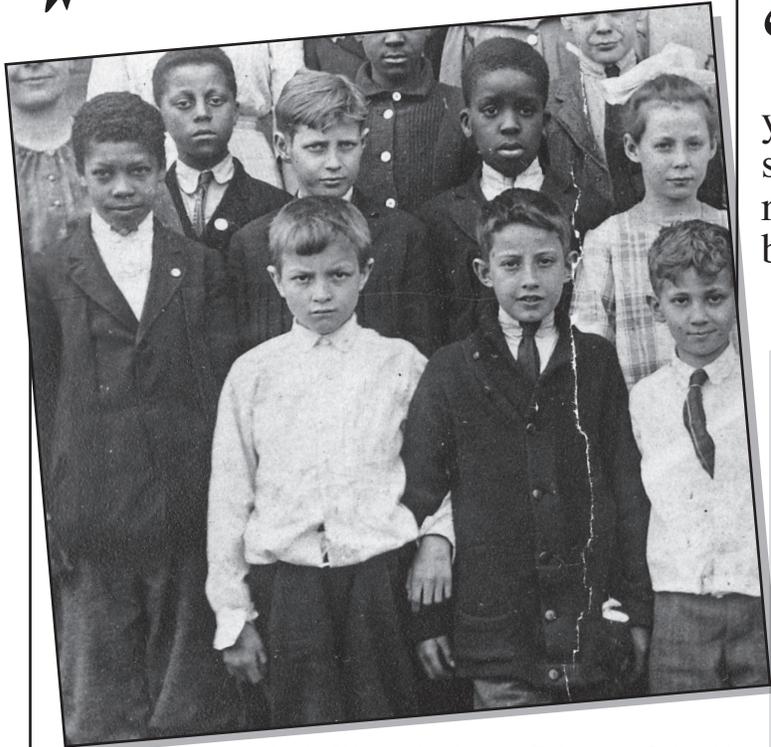




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Hope with his fifth grade class at Fairmount School in Cleveland. Bob is in the front row, far left.

# THOSE ROUGH EARLY YEARS

“My first day of school in Cleveland, the other kids asked me, ‘What’s your name?’ When I said ‘Les Hope,’ they switched it to ‘Hopeless.’ It got to be quite a rib and caused some scuffling and a few bloody ski-snoots for me.”

– Bob Hope

Fill in the missing vowels to reveal this joke by Bob Hope about his rough childhood days.

“My y\_\_th w\_s sp\_nt in a v\_ry t\_\_gh n\_\_ghb\_rh\_\_d. If y\_u d\_dn’t g\_t in thr\_\_f\_ghts a d\_y, y\_u w\_r\_n’t try\_ng.”

## COMEDY AWARD

His first comedic success came in the summer of 1915 when his brothers entered him in a Charlie Chaplin contest at the age of 12.

Young Leslie won the contest and with it, enough money to buy his mother a new stove.

This photo shows Leslie as a young boy visiting Luna Park, a popular amusement park in Cleveland, Ohio.



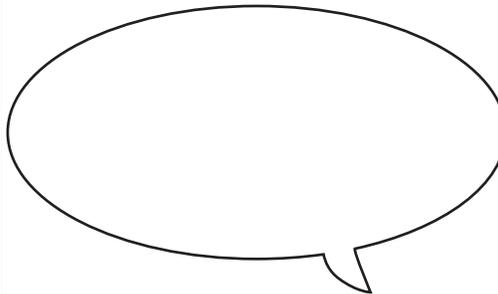
## FRIENDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bob Hope learned early on that bullying hurts. It hurts a lot. Experts say that there is something that can help a child who is being bullied. That something is being a friend.

Read the story. Then answer the question.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You are friends with young Leslie. Another boy, Ryan, starts teasing Leslie, making fun of the shape of his nose and calling him names. What can you say to Ryan to get him to stop? Write it in this bubble:



On another sheet of paper, make a list of three strategies you could use to get Ryan to stop bullying Leslie.

### The Road to History

The first moving assembly line began in 1914. By 1915, Ford had produced its one millionth Model T car. The Model T cost \$300 brand new.





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Programs from some of Bob Hope's early shows.

## A FUNNY BEGINNING: VAUDEVILLE YEARS

**Vaudeville** was a type of live entertainment that was very popular in the early 20th century. A vaudeville show was performed on stage and featured a variety of acts: singers, dancers, acrobats, magicians and comedians. The shows and the audiences were often rowdy. Sometimes, when the audience didn't care for a performer, they'd throw old vegetables at them!

**"I** worked vaudeville all summer. I made \$700 in vegetables alone. I remember when I used to sneak into the theater ... now I just sneak out."

— Bob Hope

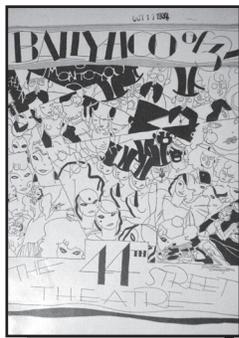
Bob Hope spent hours and hours in front of audiences learning what made them laugh. "I'd lead off with a subtle joke and after telling it, I'd say to the audience, 'Go ahead, figure it out!' Then I'd wait until they got it. One of the things I learned was the courage to wait."

## NOT A QUITTER

Bob moved to Chicago to break into better paying vaudeville shows. But after five months, Bob was starving, owing money for food, rent and clothes.

Just as he was ready to give up, a friend got him a job as the master of ceremonies at a vaudeville theater. Audiences loved his jokes and the theater booked him for more nights.

Soon he was making \$200 a week. And by 1932, his income grew to \$1,000 a week as the star of a Broadway musical review called *Ballyhoo of 1932*, which was a tremendous salary during the Great Depression years. (The average family was making \$25 to \$50 a week.)



Program from Ballyhoo of 1932

## WHAT'S FUNNY?

There are many different types of humor. *Write the number of the definition next to the word it defines.*

2 EXAGGERATE

1. the meaning is opposite of what was intended

6. result of a mistake or disagreement

SURPRISE

2. enlarge or increase an abnormal amount

7. a cutting remark intended to ridicule

IRONY

3. comedy that involves things like a pie in the face or stumbling

SARCASM

MISUNDERSTANDING

4. a play on words

PHYSICAL HUMOR

5. something unexpected

PUN

## The Road to History

In 1931, The Empire State Building opened in New York City. It was the tallest building in the world at that time at 102 stories tall.





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Bob and his cast from The Pepsodent Show, Frances Langford, Bob Chester, Vera Vague and Jerry Colonna.

# ON THE AIR

Before television and the Internet, millions of Americans turned to the radio for home entertainment. In the 1930s, following the stock market crash of 1929, families had less money to go out to see live vaudeville shows. Instead, they stayed home and listened to the radio.



“It all seemed so strange, talking into a microphone in a studio instead of playing in front of a real audience. I was nervous on the first radio shows, and the engineers couldn’t figure out why they heard a thumping noise when I did my routines until they found out I was kicking the mic after each joke.”

– Bob Hope

## RADIO DAYS

In 1930, Bob Hope moved to New York City which expanded his entertainment career from the stage to radio.

Bob started doing radio as a way to build an audience for his vaudeville and Broadway shows. “But then the more I got into it,” Bob said, “I saw the way it was going. It was the hot thing of the future – and I really liked the money!”



In 1938, Bob was hired to host *The Pepsodent Show* which became the top-rated national radio program for 10 years. Each show was a mini-vaudeville show, with guest stars, comedy skits and a special lyric in Bob’s signature song, *Thanks for the Memory*.

## FAMILY SUNDAYS

As his career exploded, Bob made time for a personal life. He married Dolores Reade in 1934 and their family soon included four children. One of their family traditions was a Sunday golf game followed by an Italian dinner.



Think of family traditions in your house that allow you to spend time with your family or ways you might suggest to your parents.

Discover the names of the Hope’s four kids shown in the above photo. Do the math and fill in the blanks. The correct names will have even-numbered answers.

- 27 + 8 - 5 = \_\_\_ a. Linda
- 35 - 9 - 4 = \_\_\_ b. Tony
- 42 + 7 + 4 = \_\_\_ c. Kevin
- 23 + 6 + 3 = \_\_\_ d. Kelly
- 34 - 6 + 7 = \_\_\_ e. Andrew
- 45 + 6 - 5 = \_\_\_ f. Nora

ANSWERS: Shown in the photo from left to right: f, d, b, a.

## The Road to History

A Russian immigrant named David Sarnoff was responsible for forming NBC, the first broadcasting network, in 1926.





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Bob Hope and Shirley Ross sang the Academy Award-winning song "Thanks for the Memory" which became Bob's theme song throughout his career.

Arts and Sciences – two honorary Oscars, two special awards and the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award.

## HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD: THE ROAD PICTURES

Bob Hope made his movie debut in *The Big Broadcast of 1938*. The film was a hit and his success led to additional starring roles and the chance to team with popular singer Bing Crosby and actress Dorothy Lamour in *The Road to Singapore* in 1940. This popular movie was the first of a series of successful "Road" pictures. Hope starred in over 50 motion pictures and made appearances in 15 others.

“Oscar night at our house was called Passover.”

– Bob Hope

Bob made light of the fact that though his movies were popular, they didn't earn him any Oscars for his acting. But in truth, he received special honors from the Academy of Motion Pictures



Bob and Bing Crosby were avid golfers and played in matches during World War II to raise money for military charities.

## THE ROAD TO HOLLYWOOD

Complete the word search by looking forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. The destinations of the Road pictures are some of the hidden words. When you've found all the words, the remaining letters will reveal a phrase. Write it on these lines:

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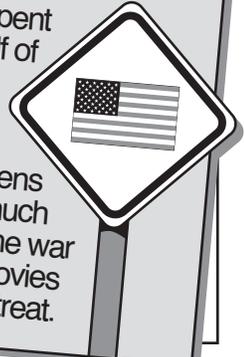
- SINGAPORE
- ZANZIBAR
- HONG KONG
- MOROCCO
- DOROTHY
- UTOPIA
- CROSBY
- LAMOUR
- BALI
- BING
- HOPE
- RIO
- BOB

H	G	N	O	K	G	N	O	H	S
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ANSWER: HOPE WAS IN SEVEN SUCCESSFUL "ROAD" MOVIES

### The Road to History

America spent the first half of the 1940s fighting in World War II. Citizens sacrificed much to support the war effort, but movies remained a treat.





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Top: Bob Hope performing aboard the Queen Mary.  
Bottom: The Queen Mary arrives in New York.

## HELPING OTHERS WITH HUMOR: THE QUEEN MARY

No matter where Bob Hope went, he always tried to make others feel better with humor, whether they were injured servicemen in a hospital, or frightened passengers on a cruise liner.

“When the time for recognition of service to the nation in wartime comes to be considered, Bob Hope should be high on the list. It is impossible to see how he can do so much, can cover so much ground, can work so hard, and be so effective.”

— John Steinbeck, 1943  
“Of Mice and Men” Author

Hope and his wife Dolores were on the Queen Mary returning from their honeymoon in Europe as the threat of World War II loomed in 1939. German U-boats had been sinking Allied ships in the Atlantic and the Queen Mary would run at night without lights to keep from being detected.

## MAKE 'EM LAUGH

German threats against the Queen Mary frightened the passengers. Hope did what he could at the Captain's request to try and calm the passengers on the overcrowded ship. When the Queen Mary ran without lights, the voyagers were terrified and preoccupied with thoughts of German U-boats. Bob did a show and performed, finishing up with his soon-to-be signature song using parody lyrics he had penned that afternoon.

*Thanks for the memory  
Of this great ocean trip  
On England's finest ship  
Tho' they packed them in the rafters  
They never made a slip  
Ah! Thank you so much.  
Thanks for the memory  
Some folks slept on the floor,  
Some in the corridor  
But I was more exclusive,  
My room had GENTLEMEN above the door.  
Ah! Thank you so much!*

The passengers learned on their arrival in New York that the Queen Mary's sister ship, Athenia, had been sunk by a German U-boat during its crossing.

## Portside Puzzler

Bob and Dolores Hope traveled across the Atlantic on the Queen Mary. At one time, the two of them were standing on opposite sides of the ship. Bob was looking west and Dolores was looking east.

And yet, at the same time, they could see each other clearly.

**How can that be possible?**

ANSWER: They were facing each other!

## The Road to History

In 1939, Germany invaded Poland. As a result, Britain and France declared war on Germany. World War II had begun.

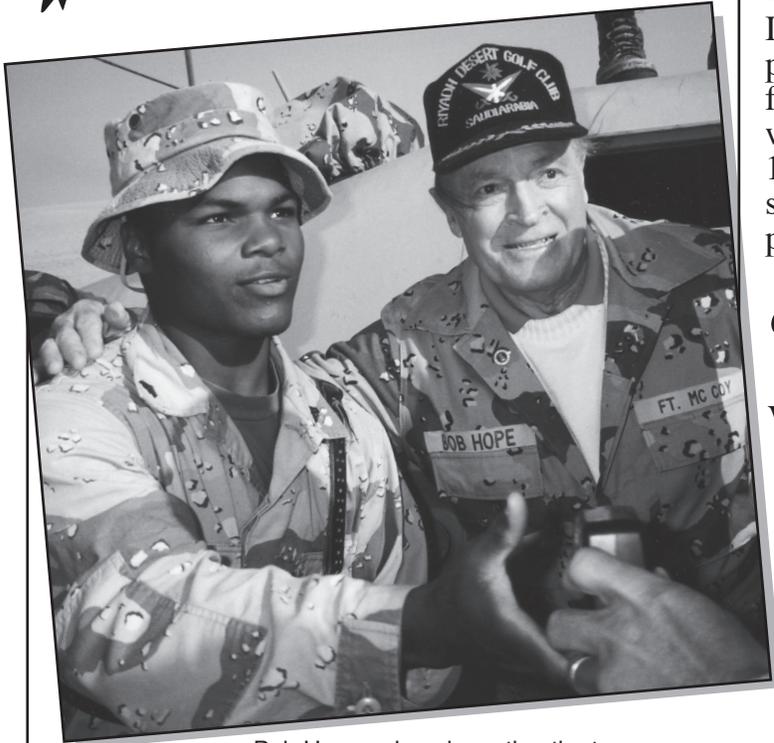




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Bob Hope enjoyed meeting the troops.

## OVER THERE: ENTERTAINING THE TROOPS

In the summer of 1941, Bob Hope and Bing Crosby performed in a series of shows around the country for the War Relief Fund. They both felt that the U.S. would soon be drawn into the war. On December 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Hope said he and Crosby decided to join the Navy, but president Franklin D. Roosevelt had other ideas.

**“FDR** said, ‘No, we don’t want ’em in the Navy. We want ’em doing just what they’re doing – entertaining the troops.’”

– Bob Hope

Bob Hope heeded the President’s request. In 1943, he traveled 20,000 miles in 11 weeks as he performed 250 shows, delighting millions, including hundreds of thousands of U.S. soldiers. Wherever they were stationed around the world, Hope continued to entertain U.S. troops on USO tours for 50 years, until he was 87 years old!

## LIVE FROM A MILITARY BASE SOMEWHERE!

Bob Hope’s first radio show for the U.S. Armed Forces was broadcast from March Field in Riverside, CA on May 6, 1941.

During World War II, Hope was so moved by the sacrifices the U.S. Troops were making for the American public, that he and his radio troupe travelled nearly every week to perform

*The Pepsodent Show* at a military training site. Of the 144 episodes of the radio program aired during the war, only nine originated from NBC studios.



In 1998, President Bill Clinton presented Bob with an honor that he said was the most important of the nearly 2,000 he had received in his lifetime.

“I have been given many awards in my lifetime,” Hope said. “But to be numbered among the men and women I admire most is the greatest honor I have ever received.”

Circle every third letter to find out what this honor was.

**BCHTYODKNBROXPRTARP  
RVWYHPVSJEKRT  
WNECBRIEADGN**

H						

ANSWER: HONORARY VETERAN

## The Road to History

By 1945, over 2 million women worked in the war industries, building ships, aircrafts, vehicles and weaponry in factories across America.





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# BOB'S JOKE FILES

Bob Hope kept more than 500,000 jokes in a vault in his office. He donated his jokes and radio scripts, like the one below, to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Here is a typical Bob Hope radio script. Practice performing it with a friend. Choose one person to read BOB's lines, and the other person to be the HOST.



HOST: Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Bob Hope!

BOB: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. That applause is marvelous. Maybe I'm working too cheap!

HOST: Don't tell me you get paid, too?

BOB: Oh yes, I get paid but as a matter of fact, I have so much fun on this program, I don't care whether the check comes in or not ... ha ha, if the sponsor is listening, I'm only kidding.

HOST: Bob, you just came here from a wedding, is that right?

BOB: Yes, it was a swell affair. It was so high class that they threw puffed rice. It was beautiful, the bride walking down the aisle on her father's left arm.

HOST: Left arm? What was he doing with his right arm?

BOB: He was dragging the groom. It was very effective. As the three of them walked down the aisle, the organ played that very appropriate number, I forget the name of it.

HOST: The Wedding March?

BOB: No, the Last Roundup.

HOST: Who gave the bride away?

BOB: Nobody, we thought we'd let the groom find out by himself. They were a very well matched pair: He snores and she's deaf.



## PATCHED PUNCHLINES

Below are some classic Bob Hope jokes. Match the two parts of each joke for some great laughs.

1 You know you are getting old when ...

2 I have a wonderful make-up crew.

3 I have performed for 12 presidents ...

4 I grew up with six brothers. That's how I learned to dance ...

5 When I was born, the doctor said to my mother ...

a ... and entertained only six.

b They're the same people restoring the Statue of Liberty.

6 The smog in L.A. is really bad. I circled the airport for three hours ...

d ... and I was on a train.

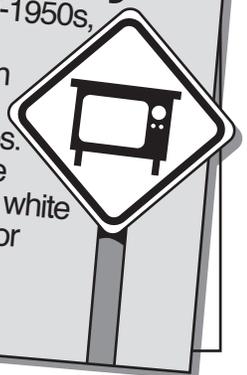
c "Congratulations, you have an eight-pound ham."

e ... waiting for the bathroom.

f ... the candles cost more than the cake.

## The Road to History

By the mid-1950s, televisions appeared in more and more homes. Most people had black & white TVs, but color TVs were becoming available.



ANSWERS: 1 = f, 2 = b, 3 = d, 4 = a, 5 = c, 6 = e.



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Bob Hope's TV specials featured many big stars. Here he is on the Great Wall of China with one of the biggest, Big Bird from *Sesame Street*.

## ON CAMERA

With the growing popularity of television in the 1950s, Bob Hope became the star of yet another form of entertainment. In fact, today he has four stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame—one each for radio, stage, movies and television.



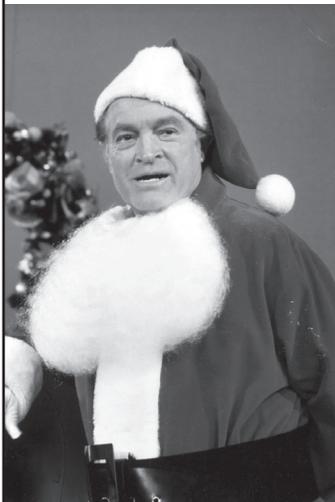
In 1997, the last of Bob's 284 programs aired. His 60 years of programming with NBC set a record that no other single performer has equaled.

“Between television, radio shows, (motion) pictures, and personal appearances, I'm also working on a plan where, when you close your eyes, I appear on the inside of your eyelids.”

– Bob Hope

## A NEW MEDIUM

*The Bob Hope Special* began in 1952. It followed the same successful \_\_\_\_\_ he used on vaudeville stages and radio—an opening monologue, followed by musical performances and \_\_\_\_\_ with the stars who were guests on the show and finally, the signature song, *Thanks for the Memory*.



Bob Hope was the first American \_\_\_\_\_ allowed to create a TV special in China. Country singer Crystal Gale as well as Big Bird were just some of the special guest \_\_\_\_\_.

The largest \_\_\_\_\_ of Bob's television career consisted of the 65 million people who watched his 1966 Christmas show, televised from Vietnam. He won an Emmy for the show.

Replace these missing words:

AUDIENCE PERFORMER FORMAT STARS SKITS



In one of Bob's TV shows, he appeared in a skit about the Moon Buggy, also called the Lunar Roving Vehicle, driven by astronauts on the moon during missions.

List 10 topics in the news that Bob might do a skit about today.

## The Road to History

In the 1950s and 1960s, the U.S. was in a race to land a person on the moon. Neil Armstrong became the first on July 20, 1969.





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Bob Hope gets a big laugh from President Ronald Reagan.

## COMEDIAN-IN-CHIEF

Bob Hope had a special relationship with 11 different residents of the White House, beginning with Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the nation's 32nd Commander in Chief, through the presidency of William Jefferson Clinton, the 42nd leader. He could make them laugh—at him, of course—but also at themselves. He poked pointed jabs at Republicans and Democrats alike—but his satiric routines were always inflected with respect and often with affection.

Hope observed in his book, *“Dear Prez, I Wanna Tell Ya!”*:

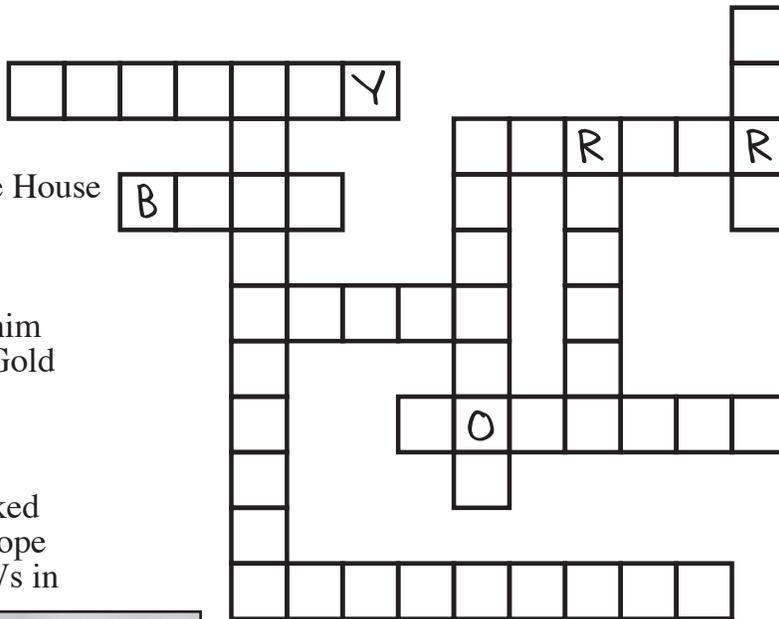
“One thing all 11 presidents have in common. As long as it’s funny, you can say almost anything to them and get away with it.”

– Bob Hope

## MOST HONORED

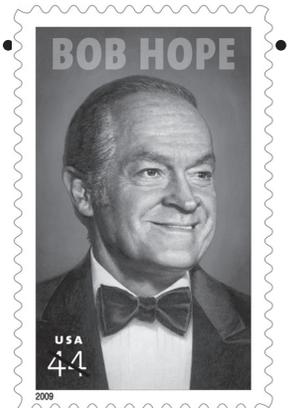
Bob visited the White House on many occasions.

- President John F. Kennedy awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal in the Rose Garden in 1962.
- President Nixon asked Bob and Dolores Hope to perform for POWs in 1973.
- President Ronald Reagan awarded him the Kennedy Center Honors in 1985.



Fill in the names of these presidents in this puzzle.

- |            |         |
|------------|---------|
| ROOSEVELT  | FORD    |
| TRUMAN     | CARTER  |
| EISENHOWER | REAGAN  |
| KENNEDY    | BUSH    |
| JOHNSON    | CLINTON |
| NIXON      |         |



In 2009, Bob Hope was honored by the United States Postal Service with a stamp.

## The Road to History

Burbank Airport in southern California was renamed Bob Hope Airport in 2003 in honor of the entertainer.

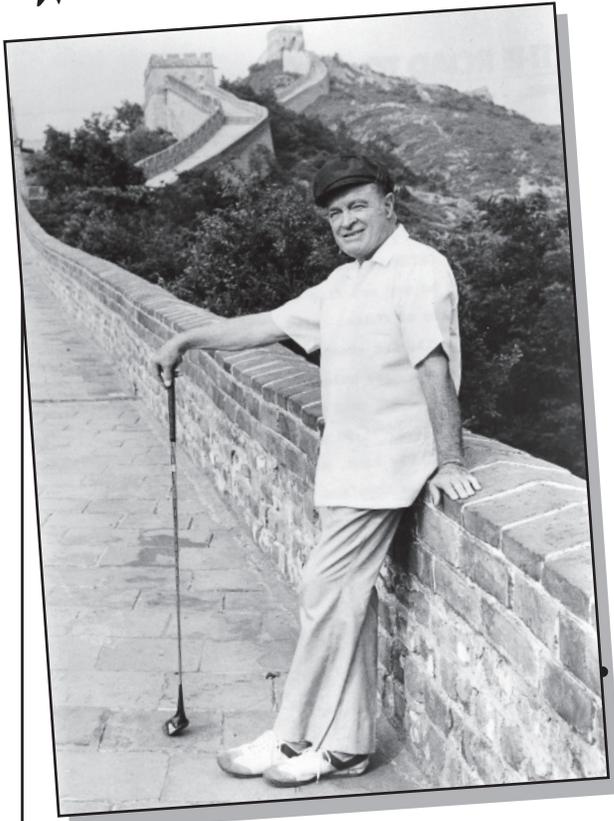




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Bob Hope at the Great Wall of China, 1974

### OBJECTIVES:

- Read the biography of Bob Hope within the backdrop of 20th century events.
- Understand how one person can have a significant, positive and lasting impact on the lives of many.

### STANDARDS:

HISTORY / SOCIAL SCIENCE		ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	
<b>Map Skills</b>	Use map skills to determine the locations of the events described	<b>Vocabulary</b>	Understand grade-level appropriate sight words and vocabulary in context
<b>Time Line</b>	Create time lines and place key events and people in sequence	<b>Reading Comprehension</b>	Use strategies to enhance reading comprehension
<b>Historical Interpretation</b>	Summarize key events presented in selections and explain the historical context	<b>Writing</b>	Write in a variety of genres

## DEAR TEACHER OR PARENT:

Like his famous string of pictures, Bob Hope's "road" to becoming one of America's most treasured, admired and beloved citizens was a journey of twists, bumps and detours. Born in England, Hope's family moved to the United States in 1908 when he was only 4 years old. His life spanned a vibrant period of history that witnessed vaudeville, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, two World Wars, motion pictures, television, rock 'n' roll, man's journey to the moon, and dramatic discoveries from the radio to the Internet. Through good

times and bad, Hope delighted audiences and would always "leave them laughing."

In *Bob Hope: An American Treasure*, young readers will travel with Bob on his journey through history and learn more about his intriguing life, unique experiences, and the interesting times in which he lived. His 100 years on earth left behind a legacy of civic virtue, humanitarianism and generosity of heart.

To quote the great comedian himself, "Thanks," Bob, "for the memories."

—The World Golf Hall of Fame

### LEARNERS WILL:

- Read the genre of historical biography
- Expand vocabulary and practice comprehension skills
- Understand events in historical context
- Create a timeline to practice chronological sequencing
- Identify locations using map skills
- Apply writing skills



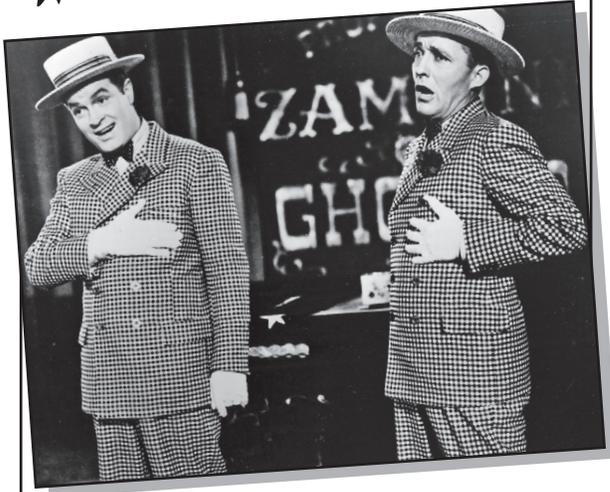
Bob and Dolores Hope were married on February 19, 1934.



# BOB HOPE

## AN AMERICAN TREASURE

A WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME EXHIBIT



Bob Hope and Bing Crosby were one of Hollywood's most successful movie comedy teams.



Bob Hope traveled the globe performing for people serving in the military.

## TEACHING IDEAS:

**Universal Access:** In order to provide access for all students to the content presented in *Bob Hope: An American Treasure*, it is recommended that teachers preview sections to provide background information and historical context for students. Use the Teaching Guide on page 15 for the following activities:

- **Review vocabulary** listed to familiarize students with new language.
- **Use guiding questions** when introducing each section to provide a purpose for reading, set the context for discussion, and improve comprehension.
- **Locate cities and countries** on a world or U.S. map to practice map skills.
- **Create a timeline** of the 20th century by decade; place dates and events listed with Bob's events above the timeline and world events underneath.

## TEACHING EXTENSIONS:

- **21st Century Skills:** Use the Internet to learn more about the life of Bob Hope and research inventions and innovations of the 20th century that Bob used during his lifetime. Write an additional section for this series.
- **Newspaper Extension:** Look for examples of people in the news performing humanitarian actions.
- **Dear Diary:** Imagine you are Bob Hope! Write diary entries for each of the ten sections summarizing events.
- **Advice to Bob:** Bob experienced bullying as a child. Have students write to young Bob offering advice on how to handle the bullies.
- **Fashion Review:** Review the photographs in this series. Identify distinguishing fashion features of each era.
- **Newspaper Extension:** Use the newspaper to locate fashion ads. Use a Venn diagram to compare similarities and differences between Bob's time and today. Create a visual display.
- **One Hundred Years:** Tell students to create a summary of events during the years of Bob Hope's life (1903-2003). Use the fewest words possible to capture the main ideas.



# TEACHING GUIDE

SECTION	VOCABULARY	GUIDING QUESTION	MAP SKILLS	DATES AND EVENTS
<b>Family History</b> (page 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spinet piano</li> <li>• vaccinate</li> <li>• immigrant</li> </ul>	What are three facts about Bob Hope's early life?	England New York City Kitty Hawk, NC	1903: Born in Eltham, England; First airplane 1908: Arrives in New York; 4 years old
<b>Those Rough Early Years</b> (page 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• scuffling</li> <li>• bully</li> </ul>	What were some of the challenges Bob faced in school?	Cleveland, OH	1914: First moving assembly line for automobiles 1915: Starts entertaining; 12 years old
<b>A Funny Beginning</b> (page 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vaudeville</li> <li>• acrobats</li> <li>• rowdy, subtle</li> </ul>	Why did Bob move to Chicago? What are some different kinds of humor?	Chicago, IL	1931: Empire State Building opens in New York City 1932: Star of Broadway musical; 29 years old
<b>On the Air</b> (page 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tradition</li> <li>• audience</li> <li>• skit</li> <li>• lyric</li> </ul>	What were two family traditions Bob and his wife followed on Sundays?	Russia	1926: NBC founded by Russian immigrant 1930: Bob moves to New York 1938: Hosts <i>Pepsodent Show</i>
<b>Hooray for Hollywood</b> (page 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• debut</li> <li>• honorary</li> <li>• humanitarian</li> <li>• Passover</li> </ul>	How many movies starred Bob Hope? How many of his movies won Oscars?	Singapore, Bali, Rio, Zanzibar, Hong Kong, Morocco	1938: Bob's first movie 1940: Hope and Crosby make first "Road" movie; World War II rages in Europe
<b>Helping Others with Humor</b> (page 8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• civilian</li> <li>• preoccupied</li> <li>• parody</li> </ul>	Why were the passengers on the Queen Mary frightened?	Atlantic Ocean, Europe, Poland, Germany	1939: Germany invades Poland; Bob and Dolores travel to Europe by ship; 35 years old
<b>Over There</b> (page 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• heeded</li> <li>• stationed</li> <li>• troupe</li> <li>• USO</li> </ul>	Why did Bob <b>not</b> join the Navy during the war? What did he do instead?	Japan Honolulu, HI Riverside, CA	1941: Bob begins performing for War Relief; Japan attacks Pearl Harbor; Bob is 37 years old 1998: Congressional award; 95 years old
<b>Bob's Joke Files</b> (page 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• military installation</li> <li>• classic</li> </ul>	What are examples of how Bob makes fun of himself?	Los Angeles, CA	1950: Televisions in more and more American homes
<b>On Camera</b> (page 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• monologue</li> <li>• lunar</li> </ul>	Why does Bob have four stars on Hollywood's "Walk of Fame"?	Hollywood, CA China Vietnam	1952: Bob Hope Special; Bob is 49 years old 1966: Vietnam Christmas Show; 63 years old 1969: Armstrong moonwalk 1997: Hope's last program on NBC; 94 years old
<b>Comedian-in-Chief</b> (page 12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• citation</li> <li>• scroll</li> <li>• POW</li> </ul>	Which 11 American presidents did Bob Hope know?	Burbank, CA Washington, D.C.	1962: Congressional Gold Medal 2003: Airport in Burbank, CA named for Bob Hope 2009: Bob Hope U.S. stamp