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## B.B. King: The King of Blues

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. B.B. King's early life was marked by challenges, including poverty and segregation. Discuss how these experiences influenced his music and career.
2. "The Thrill Is Gone" is often regarded as B.B. King's signature song. Analyze the song's lyrics and musical elements that contribute to its emotional impact.
3. B.B. King's guitar, Lucille, is more than just an instrument; it represents his dedication and passion for music. Explore the significance of Lucille in B.B. King's life and how it became an iconic symbol.
4. B.B. King's guitar-playing techniques, such as bending notes and vibrato, are central to his distinctive style. Explain these techniques and their role in creating the emotional depth of his music.
5. B.B. King's impact on blues music is immeasurable. Discuss how he helped bring blues to a global audience and why his legacy continues to influence musicians today.

