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The Godfather of Soul: James Brown

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the challenges James Brown faced during his childhood and how they influenced his music career.
2. Explore the impact of James Brown's song "Say It Loud – I'm Black and I'm Proud" on the civil rights movement and African American culture.
3. Why do you think James Brown's music and stage performances continue to be celebrated and imitated by artists today? Provide examples to support your answer.
4. Imagine you attended one of James Brown's live performances. Describe the experience and the emotions his music and stage presence might have evoked in the audience.

