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## Otis Redding: The King of Soul

### Short Answer Key

1. Otis Redding grew up in a musical family, sang in the church choir, and learned to play the guitar and piano. This early exposure to gospel music influenced his singing style, leading to a powerful and emotive singing style characterized by raw emotion.
2. Some of Otis Redding's signature hits include "These Arms of Mine," "I've Been Loving You Too Long," and "Respect." His music was characterized by raw emotion, depth in his voice, and heartfelt performances.
3. Otis Redding achieved crossover success by singing cover songs like "Satisfaction" and delivering electrifying performances, such as at the Monterey Pop Festival. These milestones helped him gain recognition beyond the R&B charts.
4. Otis Redding tragically passed away in a plane crash on December 10, 1967. The iconic song "Sittin' On The Dock of the Bay" was released posthumously.
5. Otis Redding's music continues to inspire artists and listeners with its raw emotion and heartfelt performances. He is remembered as the "King of Soul" and is credited with influencing generations of soul and R&B artists.

