

# Maya Angelou



Born: April 4, 1928,  
St. Louis, MO;  
Died: May 28, 2014,  
Winston-Salem, NC

As a Poet, Memoirist, and Civil Rights Activist, **Dr. Maya Angelou (PhD)** inspires and uplifts all who hear her words and her voice. One of her first acts of self-assertion and protest was her effort to become the first Black female street car conductor in San Francisco. It took weeks before they would even see her about the job. She then pursued almost every form of Performance Arts and Literature. Her search for growth and knowledge was

boundless. She said “You will have many defeats, but never be defeated.” And “A woman in harmony with her spirit is like a river flowing. She goes where she will without pretense and arrives at her destination prepared to be herself and only herself.”