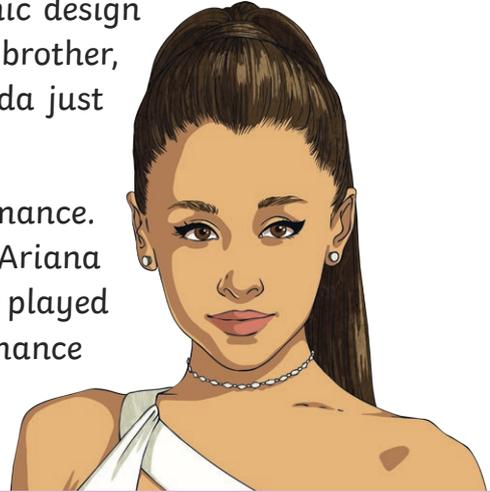


Ariana Grande

Early Life

Ariana Grande-Butera was born in Boca Raton, Florida, on the 26th June 1993. Her mother, Joan Grande, ran a successful telephone and alarm systems company and her father, Edward Butera, owned a graphic design firm. Ariana's parents, alongside her older brother, Frankie, had relocated from New York to Florida just before her birth.

As a child, Ariana had a passion for performance. When she wasn't attending Pine Crest School, Ariana spent her time at a children's theatre group. She played the lead character Annie in her first ever performance and went on to star in shows such as *The Wizard of Oz* and *Beauty and the Beast*.



Rise to Fame

Ariana began her career as a professional entertainer at an early age. At 8 years old, Ariana was already performing in the karaoke lounges aboard cruise ships and with popular orchestras all around Florida. It was at this age that she first appeared on national television singing the USA's national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, at a Florida Panthers ice hockey match.

In 2008, when she was just 13 years old, Ariana first appeared on Broadway, starring as the supporting role of cheerleader Charlotte in the musical *13*. Upon joining the cast, Ariana left North Broward Preparatory School but continued to be sent work from school to complete with her tutors.

In a continuation to her acting career, Ariana got the role of Cat Valentine in the popular Nickelodeon show *Victorious* in 2009. The show was a hit with almost 6 million viewers and Ariana quickly became famous around the world. Although she loved acting and her role on the show, Ariana knew that music was more important and again set her sights on becoming a professional musician. She flew across the country to Los Angeles to meet with her managers and told them that she wanted to make her own R&B album.

Musical Success

Ariana released her first studio album, *Yours Truly*, to the global market on 30th August 2013 after over three years of work. She had written many of the songs on the album herself. The album was an instant success, selling 138,000 copies

in its first week and going straight to number one on the charts in the USA.

Ariana immediately began work on her second studio album, *My Everything*. When it was released on 25th August 2014, it sold 169,000 copies in its first week and rocketed to number one, just as *Yours Truly* had the year before. In early 2015, Ariana performed a series of shows in America, Europe and Asia as part of *The Honeymoon Tour*, with many extra dates being added mid-way through the run due to the show's popularity.



Ariana began recording songs for her third studio album, originally called *Moonlight*, in 2015.

However, by the time the album was released on 20th May 2016, she had renamed it *Dangerous Woman* and it entered the charts at number two. Ariana began the *Dangerous Woman Tour* to accompany her album in February 2017 – performing across America, Europe, Asia and Oceania and selling over 875,000 tickets.

Charitable Contributions

Ariana's work helping others began at an early age. At the age of 10, Ariana helped to develop a children's singing group called *Kids Who Care*. The group performed at charity events and raised over half a million dollars for good causes in 2007 alone. She has continued to use her fame to promote and raise funds for charitable causes close to her heart. She created a range of cosmetics, donating 100% of the proceeds to charity.

Unfortunately, during Ariana's *Dangerous Woman Tour*, an explosion occurred which took the lives of 22 people and left many others injured. Ariana immediately organised a concert, named *One Love Manchester*. She performed at the concert alongside other musicians, such as Justin Bieber and Katy Perry, and over £15 million was raised to help the victims and their families.

Questions

- Which one of these did Ariana do at the youngest age? Tick one.
 - release the album Yours Truly
 - perform aboard a cruise ship
 - star as Charlotte in the musical 13
 - develop 'Kids Who Care'
 - Order the following statements from 1-5 to show the order they happened. The first one has been done for you.
 - Ariana performed The Honeymoon Tour.
 - The album Dangerous Woman was released.
 - 1 Ariana began writing the album Yours Truly.
 - The album My Everything was released.
 - Ariana performed the Dangerous Woman tour.
 - What was the name of the benefit concert organised by Ariana?

 - Fill in the missing words from this sentence:
Arianna initially called her third album _____ but renamed it
_____ before its release.
 - Find and copy a phrase from the text which shows that Yours Truly quickly did well.

 - 'It sold 169,000 copies in its first week and rocketed to number one.' Why do you think that the author used the word 'rocketed' in this sentence?

 - Why do you think that Ariana is so well-liked across the world?

- How is Ariana Grande similar to another celebrity you know?

8. Do you think that Ariana will still be releasing music five years from now? Explain your answer.

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- What was the name of the benefit concert organised by Ariana?
Accept the answer 'One Love Manchester' only.
- Fill in the missing words from this sentence:
Arianna initially called her third album **Moonlight** but renamed it **Dangerous Woman** before its release.
- Find and copy a phrase from the text which shows that Yours Truly quickly did well.
Accept either of the following phrases:
 - **'was an instant success'**
 - **'straight to number one'**
- 'It sold 169,000 copies in its first week and rocketed to number one.' Why do you think that the author used the word 'rocketed' in this sentence?
Accept answers which discuss that the word was used to emphasise the speed at which the album reached number one, as rockets travel very quickly.
- Why do you think that Ariana is so well-liked across the world?
Accept any reasonable and sensible answer which discusses why Ariana is so well-liked, including (but not limited to):
 - **She is so well-liked because her music is really enjoyable.**
 - **She does a lot of charitable things which people are grateful for.**
 - **She made lots of people happy when they watched her in Victorious.**
- How is Ariana Grande similar to another celebrity you know?
Accept any reasonable comparison to another celebrity of the child's choice.

9. Do you think that Ariana will still be releasing music five years from now? Explain your answer.

Accept either 'yes' or 'no, provided that a reasonable explanation is provided which supports the answer, e.g. 'Yes I think she will because she's done it all of her life and I don't think she will stop now' or 'No she won't because she might have made enough money not to work anymore.'