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Millions of Fans

Lights flashed and the crowd went wild. Fireworks sparkled overhead. Suddenly, Beyoncé appeared on stage. It was the 2013 Super Bowl halftime show. Later, she was joined by her former Destiny's Child bandmates. Together, the group sang their hits to millions of cheering fans.



**Destiny's Child performing
at Super Bowl XLVII
(47) in New Orleans**

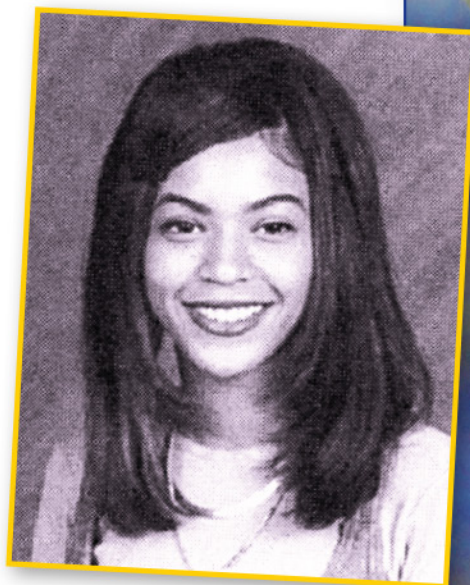
A full-page photograph of Beyoncé performing on stage. She is wearing a black leather corset-style top, black fingerless gloves, and fishnet stockings with a black thigh-high band. She is holding a microphone and has her mouth open as if singing. Her blonde hair is voluminous and styled. The background is dark with bright stage lights creating a bokeh effect. In the foreground, the silhouettes of many audience members' hands are visible, reaching up towards her. A large blue curved shape on the right side of the page contains a silver circular graphic with text and a yellow star with the number 5 at the bottom.


**More than
100 million
people watched
Beyoncé's Super
Bowl show!**

A Texas Star

Beyoncé Giselle Knowles was born on September 4, 1981, in Houston, Texas. As a child, she took dance lessons. One day as her dance teacher hummed a song, little Beyoncé began to sing along. She knew the whole song perfectly. At that moment, the teacher knew Beyoncé would be a star!

**Beyoncé in
eighth grade**



A close-up, profile view of Beyoncé singing passionately into a microphone. She has long, wavy blonde hair and is wearing a white, long-sleeved dress with intricate floral embroidery. Her mouth is wide open, and her right hand is raised with fingers spread. The background is a blurred blue stadium setting.

**Beyoncé sings the
national anthem at
the Super Bowl in 2013.**

**Beyoncé won a
talent show at age
seven. As an adult,
she still wows
people with her
amazing talent.**

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E. Merwin enjoys writing about the lives of artists to encourage kids to follow their own dreams!

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Beyoncé is a pop music megastar. So how did this talented performer rise to the top? Look inside to learn about Beyoncé's amazing journey.

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Ariana Grande

Michael Jackson

Adam Levine

Bruno Mars

Taylor Swift

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