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In 1988, Alvin Ailey received the Kennedy Center Honor for lifetime achievement in American culture in the performing arts. It was the nation's highest official award for a creative artist. When Ailey died in 1989, Judith Jamison became the artistic director and carried out Ailey's vision. Robert Battle became the artistic director in 2011 when Jamison retired. Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has continued to strive. They have achieved much and given much to the world. This is their legacy. Battle has the task today of continuing the Company's rich legacy.

Write an essay about yourself and how you will carry on, or change the legacy of your family.

