

student activity 1

Name _____

Date _____

Alvin Ailey

Answer the questions below.

Part 1

Before you begin your research, list three things you hope to learn about Alvin Ailey.

Part 2: Basic Facts

Use the provided resources to find the answers to the questions below.

1. When and where was Alvin Ailey born? _____

2. What influenced Alvin Ailey to become a choreographer and dancer? _____

3. Describe the style of dance Alvin Ailey is known for. (Use the vocabulary words: Modern dance, Ballet technique)

4. What made the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater important? _____

5. What historical and cultural experiences influenced Alvin Ailey's work? _____

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Part 3: Vocabulary Check

Write the meaning of the following words in your own words, then give an example of how it relates to Alvin Ailey or his work.

Word	Meaning (in your own words)	How it relates to Alvin Ailey or his work
Choreographer		
Spirituals		
Motif		
Legacy		

student activity 2

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Reflecting on Alvin Ailey's Impact

Answer the questions below.

Part 1: Exploring *Revelations*

Watch videos and read about Alvin Ailey's famous work *Revelations*.

1. What story does *Revelations* tell? _____

2. How does Alvin Ailey use motifs and music genres like gospel and spirituals to express this story?

3. What emotions or themes do you notice in *Revelations*?

How do you think this connects to Alvin Ailey's own experiences or the African American experience?

Part 2: Legacy and Influence

Explain in your own words what legacy means. How has Alvin Ailey's legacy influenced dance or culture today?
