
MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE



Mary McLeod Bethune was born in South Carolina in 1875. She was one of 17 children in the family. As a child, Mary loved school and learning. For six years, she walked five miles to school each day. Then Mary won a scholarship to a school in North Carolina. The scholarship meant that Mary's family wouldn't have to pay for her education. Mary went to her new school, studied hard, and later won a scholarship to college.

After graduation, Mary became a teacher. She married Albertus Bethune, another teacher. In 1904, she opened a school for black girls in Florida. Her first students were five girls and her five-year-old son. Her school grew. By 1923, the school had become a college for both men and women. Mary McLeod Bethune worked hard to educate black Americans in the United States. She received many awards for her service as an educator.

Write the answers in complete sentences.

1. How many children were in Mary's family? _____

2. What did Mary love as a child? _____

3. How many scholarships did Mary win? _____

4. Where did Mary open her school for black girls? _____

5. What did Mary's school become? _____
