

Maya Angelou Quotes

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I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

~Maya Angelou

You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. Please remember that your difficulties do not define you. They simply strengthen your ability to overcome.

~Maya Angelou

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style

~Maya Angelou

If you are always trying to be normal you will never know how amazing you can be.

~Maya Angelou

You may shoot me with your words, you may cut me with your eyes, you may kill me with your hatefulness, but still, like air, I'll rise!

~Maya Angelou

My wish for you is that you continue. Continue to be who and how you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness.

~Maya Angelou

No sun outlasts its sunset, but will rise again and bring the dawn.

~Maya Angelou

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.

~Maya Angelou

A Woman in harmony with her spirit is like a river flowing. She goes where she will without pretense and arrives at her destination prepared

to be herself and only herself

~Maya Angelou

If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you will look forward, do so prayerfully. But the wisest course would be to be present in the present gratefully.

~Maya Angelou

We need Joy as we need air. We need Love as we need water. We need each other as we need the earth we share.

~Maya Angelou

Open your eyes to the beauty around you, open your mind to the wonders of life, open your heart to those who love you, and always be true to yourself.

~Maya Angelou

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.

~Maya Angelou

Hope and fear cannot occupy the same space. Invite one to stay.

~Maya Angelou

Precious jewel, you glow, you shine, reflecting all the good things in the world. Just look at yourself.

~Maya Angelou

Nothing can dim the light which shines from within.

~Maya Angelou

Develop enough courage so that you can stand up for yourself and then stand up for somebody else.

~Maya Angelou

At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did, they will remember how you made them feel.

~Maya Angelou

I would like to be known as an intelligent woman, a courageous woman, a loving woman, a woman who teaches by being.

~Maya Angelou

Hate, it has caused a lot of problems in the world, but has not solved one yet.

~Maya Angelou

You don't need another person, place or thing to make you whole. God already did that. Your job is to know it.

~Maya Angelou

If you are going down a road and don't like what's in front of you, and look behind you and don't like what you see, get off the road. Create a new path!

~Maya Angelou

Nothing will work unless you do.

~Maya Angelou

Continue. Be loving and be strong. Be fierce and be kind. And don't give in and don't give up.'

~Maya Angelou

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not shouting 'I'm saved'. I'm whispering 'I get lost'. That is why I chose this way.

~Maya Angelou

When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time.

~Maya Angelou

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

~Maya Angelou

Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.

~Maya Angelou

When you learn, teach, when you get, give.

~Maya Angelou

Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness.

~Maya Angelou

If you're going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can't be erased.

~Maya Angelou

This is a wonderful day, I have never seen this one before.

~Maya Angelou

In diversity there is beauty and there is strength.

~Maya Angelou

No matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

~Maya Angelou

History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.

~Maya Angelou

I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people.

~Maya Angelou

God puts rainbows in the clouds so that each of us - in the dreariest and most dreaded moments - can see a possibility of hope.

~Maya Angelou

People will never forget how you made them feel.

~Maya Angelou

There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.

~Maya Angelou

I am not competing with anyone other than myself. I want to be excellent at whatever I do.

~Maya Angelou

We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color.

~Maya Angelou

Stand up straight and realize who you are, that you tower over your circumstances. You are a child of God. Stand up straight.

~Maya Angelou

My mother said I must always be intolerant of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy. That some people, unable to go to school, were more educated and more intelligent than college professors.

~Maya Angelou

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.

~Maya Angelou

Remember, people will judge you by your actions not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold but so does a hard-boiled egg.

~Maya Angelou

Every day I awaken I am grateful. My intent is to be totally present in that day. And laugh as much as possible.

~Maya Angelou

I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it.

~Maya Angelou

Never make someone a priority when all you are to them is an option.

~Maya Angelou

One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest.

~Maya Angelou

In all the world, there is no heart for me like yours. In all the world, there is no love for you like mine.

~Maya Angelou

Does my sexiness upset you? Does it come as a surprise That I dance like I've got diamonds At the meeting of my thighs?

~Maya Angelou

Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.

~Maya Angelou

If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you love.

~Maya Angelou

I note the obvious differences between each sort and type, but we are more alike, my friends, than we are unlike.

~Maya Angelou

All great achievements require time.

~Maya Angelou

Love life. Engage in it. Give it all you've got. Love it with a passion because life truly does give back, many times over, what you put into it.

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You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.

~Maya Angelou

I refuse to allow any man-made differences to separate me from any other human beings.

~Maya Angelou

Everything in the universe has a rhythm, everything dances.

~Maya Angelou

Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.

~Maya Angelou

I long, as does every human being, to be at home wherever I find myself.

~Maya Angelou

A wise woman wishes to be no one's enemy; a wise woman refuses to

be anyone's victim.

~Maya Angelou

If you have only one smile in you, give it to the people you love. Don't be surly at home, then go out in the street and start grinning 'Good morning' at total strangers.

~Maya Angelou

How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!

~Maya Angelou

A leader sees greatness in other people. He nor she can be much of a leader if all she sees is herself.

~Maya Angelou

If one is lucky, a solitary fantasy can totally transform one million realities.

~Maya Angelou

It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength.

~Maya Angelou

Bitterness is like cancer. It eats upon the host. But anger is like fire. It burns it all clean.

~Maya Angelou

While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God's creation.

~Maya Angelou

Having courage does not mean that we are unafraid. Having courage

and showing courage mean we face our fears. We are able to say, 'I have fallen, but I will get up.'

~Maya Angelou

You alone are enough. You have nothing to prove to anybody.

~Maya Angelou

When you know better you do better.

~Maya Angelou

There's a world of difference between truth and facts. Facts can obscure the truth.

~Maya Angelou

You will face many defeats in your life, but never let yourself be defeated.

~Maya Angelou

The caged bird sings with a fearful trill, of things unknown, but longed for still, and his tune is heard on the distant hill, for the caged bird sings of freedom.

~Maya Angelou

Words mean more than what is set down on paper. It takes the human voice to infuse them with deeper meaning.

~Maya Angelou

Stormy or sunny days, glorious or lonely nights, I maintain an attitude of gratitude.

~Maya Angelou

I sustain myself with the love of family.

~Maya Angelou

I am the dream and the hope of the slave

~Maya Angelou

Since time is the one immaterial object which we cannot influence neither speed up nor slow down add to nor diminish it is an imponderably valuable gift.

~Maya Angelou

A person is the product of their dreams. So make sure to dream great dreams. And then try to live your dream.

~Maya Angelou

You can never go home again, but the truth is you can never leave home, so it's all right.

~Maya Angelou

I don't trust anyone who doesn't laugh.

~Maya Angelou

When you do nothing you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better.

~Maya Angelou

I'm grateful to be an American. I am grateful that we can be angry at the terrorist assault and at the same time be intelligent enough not to hold a grudge against every Arab and every Muslim.

~Maya Angelou

Elimination of illiteracy is as serious an issue to our history as the abolition of slavery.

~Maya Angelou

Love is like a virus. It can happen to anybody at any time.

~Maya Angelou

To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow.

~Maya Angelou

I wrote some of the worst poetry west from the Mississippi River, but I wrote. And I finally sometimes got it right.

~Maya Angelou

If growing up is painful for the Southern Black girl, being aware of her displacement is the rust on the razor that threatens the throat. It is an unnecessary insult.

~Maya Angelou

I want to thank you, Lord, for life and all that's in it. Thank you for the day and for the hour, and the minute.

~Maya Angelou

When you wish someone joy, you wish them peace, love, prosperity, happiness... all the good things.

~Maya Angelou

I love to see a young girl go out and grab the world by the lapels.

~Maya Angelou

Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for.

~Maya Angelou

Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible.

~Maya Angelou

It's amazing. I can do anything. And do it well. Any good thing, I can do it. That's why I am who I am, yes, because God loves me and I'm amazed at it. I'm grateful for it.

~Maya Angelou

Some critics will write 'Maya Angelou is a natural writer' - which is right after being a natural heart surgeon.

~Maya Angelou

Won't it be wonderful when black history and native American history and Jewish history and all of U.S. history is taught from one book. Just U.S. history.

~Maya Angelou

As far as I knew white women were never lonely, except in books. White men adored them, Black men desired them and Black women worked for them.

~Maya Angelou

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