

BELLWORK (5 points):
Using what you know about
Marie Laveau, write a brief
summary of what you
would include if writing a
song about her (at least 5
sentences).

Answer on looseleaf and
turn into your designated
box.



Guided Notes

You will need these for your test on Friday.

15 points for correct completion.

Marie Laveau

In song
By: Bobby Bare



As we know, Marie Laveau was one of the world's most famous Voodoo practitioners. She would dispense potions, tell fortunes, and heal the sick through ceremonies.

If you're a fan of country music, you've likely heard the song that we just heard. Although the version we heard by Bobby Bare is the best known, the song was first recorded by Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show for their 1971 album.

In this song, we hear a version of Marie Laveau through the storytelling of poet Shel Silverstein and songwriter Baxter Taylor.

It is not historically accurate.

The song tells the gripping tale of a fictional New Orleans witch who encounters the scoundrel Handsome Jack. Jack, who attempts to fool Marie for a get-rich-quick scheme quickly learns the downside of crossing a powerful woman.

Bobby Bare brought the song back to life on his 1974 record *Bobby Bare Sings Lullabys, Legends and Lies*. The song landed Bare a No. 1 country song on the *Billboard* Hot Country chart. It was his only number one single.

Important/note worthy lyrics:

She lived in a swamp in a hollow log
With a one-eyed snake and a three-legged dog
Bent, bony body and stringy hair
And if she ever seen y'all messin' 'round there
She'd go... another man done gone

Important/note worthy lyrics:

So if you ever get down where the black trees grow
And meet a voodoo lady named Marie Laveau
If she ever asks you to make her your wife
Man, you better stay with her for the rest of your life

Using reliable sources on the Internet, find at least two other songs that discuss Marie Laveau.

Write these down on loose leaf paper along with a brief description.

Use correct grammar and spelling.

With your group, discuss the songs that you found with Marie Laveau. Analyze how Laveau is portrayed in these. Does she seem evil or good?

Write these down on the same loose leaf paper.

Use correct grammar and spelling.

Turn in designated area when complete.

The Stick Note Mosaic

Fill out sticky notes according to the following and place it on the board for your class.

- BLUE: something you know for sure that you learned today
- GREEN: something you found interesting from today
- PINK: something that you have a question about from today

<https://www.wideopencountry.com/marie-laveau-song/>