



Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

## Simone Biles: The Queen of Gymnastics



Watch Simone Biles on the gymnastics mat, and you'll see a true marvel of strength and grace!

Born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1997, Simone began gymnastics at age six during a daycare field trip. She quickly showed incredible talent, learning difficult moves very fast.

Simone is the most decorated American gymnast in history, with 32 Olympic and World Championship medals. She is known for inventing difficult skills, like the "Biles I" and "Biles II." These moves are named after her because she was the first to perform them in competition.

During the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, Simone faced a challenge called "the twisties." This is when gymnasts lose their sense of where they are in the air. She bravely chose to withdraw from some events to protect her mental and physical health.

Today, Simone is celebrated not only for her amazing athletic achievements but also for being a powerful advocate for mental health in sports. Her honesty has inspired many to prioritize well-being.

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Where did Simone Biles begin her gymnastics journey?

- (A) At a school sports club.  (B) During a daycare field trip.



- C In her backyard with friends.  D At the Olympics.

(2) Simone Biles is known for inventing difficult skills that are named after her, such as the "Biles \_\_\_\_\_."

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(3) What does the word "decorated" mean as it is used in the passage?

- A Having many beautiful patterns.  B Having won many medals and awards.  
 C Having a lot of paint on the walls.  D Having a special uniform.

(4) Why do you think Simone Biles chose to withdraw from some events at the Tokyo Olympics, even though she is a top athlete? Use details from the passage.

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(5) How has Simone Biles's decision to speak about her mental health impacted the world of sports? What can we learn from her actions?

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