

Phillis Wheatley: Main Idea and Supporting Detail Sentences

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Below are three headings at the beginnings of paragraphs. Below the chart are the associated supporting detail sentences. Which sentences would appear under which heading? Use the numbers before the sentences so you don't have to write the entire sentence. Order matters!

Early Life	The 12 year-old Poet	Fame

1. She was named after the ship that brought her to America.
2. She published her first poem, "*On Messrs. Hussey and Coffin*" when she was only twelve years-old.
3. Phillis Wheatley was born in Gambia on May 8, 1753.
4. As the first former slave to have a book published, she got to meet George Washington, who praised her book.
5. When she was seven or eight, she was sold to the Wheatleys.
6. The Wheatley's taught her to read and write; and she quickly showed unusual skill.
7. In 1773, her book, *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral* was published in England, making her famous there and in the colonies.

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