



Listening-NPR

From the program, *All Things Considered*
Johnny Cash: 'I Walk the Line'

Vocabulary

chord	morse code	melody	fidelity	stark
metaphor	drone	prodding	handle	
amphetamine	barbarians	bare	allure	

Listening-Listen to the radio program describing Johnny Cash's life. Then, answer the questions based on what you heard.

1. When was this program about Cash run for the first time?
2. NPR determined that Walk the Line is what?
3. Johnny's good friend described him as half _____ and half _____.
4. What was Johnny's job in the Air Force?
5. What sounds outside of the recording studio influenced the song?
6. Who is Sam Phillips? How did the program describe him?
7. Who did Johnny open for during his first tour?
8. What led Johnny to write 'I Walk the Line'?
9. How did Johnny feel about the song originally?
10. Johnny described fame as being _____.
11. How did fans feel about Johnny's struggle?

12. Johnny is described as a great combination of _____ and _____ rolled all into one.
13. Where was Johnny's house when he was growing up?
14. What is significant about where his house was growing up?
15. How old was Johnny when he died?
16. Do you think Johnny Cash liked giving interviews? Why or why not?

17. Based on what you know from the movie and now the radio program, do you think the movie or the radio program does a better job of describing Cash's life?

18. You are able to hear the real Johnny Cash in this interview. What does he sound like? How would you describe his personality based on this program?

19. If a similar program ran on the radio to describe your life, what facts would it include?

20. Are there any defining features or characteristics of the place that you grew up? Would that place tell a lot about who you are as a person?