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Nina Simone Monument

Part 1: Use the [Commemorative Landscapes](#) site to answer the following questions:

1. According to the description, how is Simone's "look" described?
2. According to the description, how is Simone's keyboard described?
3. What other words would you choose to describe her expression and her keyboard? Explain your answer.
4. What do you think is the symbolic significance of the bronze heart?
5. What is Nina Simone's nickname? _____
6. Other than the obelisk, how is this nickname represented in the monument design?
7. Why was the monument placed in Tryon, NC?

Part 2: Use the Biography website to answer the following questions (They're not necessarily in order):

1. What did Simone think about her nickname? What did she want to be called?
2. Once she left home, where did Simone get her music training?

3. Why did Simone think she was rejected from the Curtis Institute of Music?
4. What Harlem Renaissance writers were fans of her work?
5. What inspired Simone to write "Mississippi Goddam?"
6. What inspired the song "Why (The King of Love is Dead)?"
7. Why do you think Simone wanted to participate in the Civil Rights Movement?
8. In your opinion, what is the value of artistic participation in Civil Rights? What impact can a song have, rather than other actions such as sit-ins or writing letters to government representatives?