

I Mary Ann Shadd

Read about Mary Ann Shadd. Then answer the questions.

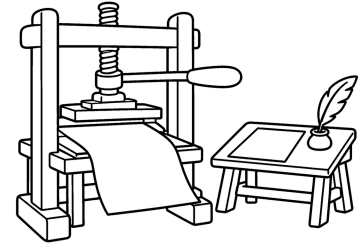
1 Read about Mary Ann Shadd.

Mary Ann Shadd was born in 1823 in Wilmington, Delaware, in the United States. Her family was free, and her parents helped people who were escaping slavery.

In 1850, the United States passed the Fugitive Slave Act. It made life more dangerous for Black people in the northern states, even for those who were free. In 1851, Mary Ann moved to Windsor, in Canada West (now Ontario), and opened a school for children and adults.

In **1853**, she started a weekly newspaper called **The Provincial Freeman**. She was the first Black woman in North America to publish a newspaper. The paper spoke out against slavery and encouraged Black families to build new lives in Canada.

Later, Mary Ann went back to the United States, and in 1883 she earned a law degree. Canada has named her a Person of National Historic Significance.



Timeline

- **1823** born in Delaware
- **1851** moves to Windsor
- **1853** starts newspaper
- **1883** earns law degree

2 Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Mary Ann Shadd was born in Canada.
2. She opened a school in Windsor.
3. The Provincial Freeman was a newspaper.
4. She started her newspaper in 1893.

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3 Answer in sentences.

5. Why did many Black people move from the United States to Canada in the 1850s?

6. What is Mary Ann Shadd best known for?
