

# Ruth E. Carter

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This is a photo of Ruth E. Carter at an event in 2018.  
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Did you watch the movie *Black Panther*? If so, you may have seen the detailed **costumes**. Ruth E. Carter **designed** those **costumes**! She is a world-famous **costume** designer. She has **designed costumes** for television and movies for more than 30 years.

Carter likes to tell stories with her **costumes**. She pays close attention to the **details**. She also makes sure to do a lot of research.

When she **designed** the **costumes** for *Black Panther*, she got ideas from many tribes in Africa. She was inspired by the bold colors and patterns. She also looked at the "Black Panther" comics. Then, she used her imagination! She created more than 700 **costumes** for this one movie. She won an Oscar for her work on *Black Panther*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What does Ruth E. Carter design?

- A. costumes
- B. birthday cards
- C. cakes

2. What movie did Carter design the costumes for?

- A. *The Pink Panther*
- B. *Black Panther*
- C. *The Avengers*

### 3. Read these sentences from the text.

"When she designed the costumes for Black Panther, she got ideas from many tribes in Africa. She was inspired by the bold colors and patterns. She also looked at the "Black Panther" comics."

What do you know about Carter from this information?

- A. Carter thought about clothes from real life and from comics while she was making the *Black Panther* costumes.
- B. Carter only thought about clothes that people wear in real life while she was making the *Black Panther* costumes.
- C. Carter only thought about clothes that people wear in comics and books while she was making the *Black Panther* costumes.

### 4. How does Carter come up with ideas for her movie costumes?

- A. She talks to other designers and uses their ideas.
- B. She looks at books and reads about costume ideas.
- C. She looks at other clothes and uses her imagination.

5. What is this text mostly about?

A. Ruth E. Carter, a costume designer who made the *Black Panther* costumes

B. the people who wrote and directed the famous movie *Black Panther*

C. the *Black Panther* comics and the person who drew their pictures

6. What did you learn from the text "Ruth E. Carter?"

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7. Class Discussion Question: What kind of details did Carter look at while she was designing the *Black Panther* costumes?

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8. Draw a picture of Ruth E. Carter designing the costumes for Black Panther.