1. She is one of twelve children who was raised in a house without electricity or water. This songwriter was made fun of at her high school graduation for wanting to move to Nashville to become a singer. She is the creator of Imagination Library. **Answer: Dolly Parton**

2. He was born during the Great Depression and raised by his grandparents in Texas. He is considered an “outlaw” for his style of country music. **Answer: Willie Nelson**

3. This songwriter from Kentucky is the daughter of a coal miner. She was a brave voice for women during the 1960s and 1970s. **Answer: Loretta Lynn**

4. His brother’s death as a child inspired him to start writing songs and poetry, and he became serious about songwriting while in the Air Force. He was known as “the man in black.” **Answer: Johnny Cash**

5. As a child, this songwriter took guitar lessons from African American blues singer Rufus “Tee-Tot” Payne. Though he had a brief six-year career before dying at age twenty-nine, he is remembered for creating his own style, and many of his songs like “Cold, Cold Heart” are considered American classics. **Answer: Hank Williams**

6. Known as the Father of Soul, he grew up listening to gospel, blues, and country, and learned to play piano at the St. Augustine School for the Deaf and the Blind. **Answer: Ray Charles**

7. As a child, this man known as the “Rodeo Tailor” was sent to the U.S. to escape violence in the Ukraine. **Answer: Nudie Cohn**

8. Sarah Cannon was the real name of this country comedian who wore her signature hat with a dangling price tag on the Grand Ole Opry stage. **Answer: Minnie Pearl**

9. Considered the Mother of Country Music, she invented a new way to play the guitar called the “Carter Scratch.” **Answer: Maybelle Carter**

10. Country music’s first superstar is now called the Father of Country Music. His style was a mix of jazz, blues, pop, folk, gospel, and country music that he learned while traveling as a railway brakeman. **Answer: Jimmie Rodgers**

11. The King of Rock & Roll was originally known as a “rockabilly” artist for combining rock and hillbilly music. **Answer: Elvis Presley**

12. This Grand Ole Opry performer nicknamed the "Harmonica Wizard" was one of the radio show’s most popular players though he experienced prejudice and segregation because he was African American. **Answer: DeFord Bailey**

13. This female songwriter had a Top Ten hit in every decade from the 1940s to the 1980s. She left her songs and her typewriter to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. **Answer: Cindy Walker**

14. He played baseball for the Negro American League before becoming one of the most successful country artists of all time. **Answer: Charley Pride**

15. This musician was the youngest of eight siblings and learned to play mandolin with his musical family. Known as the Father of Bluegrass, he transformed the role of the mandolin from being a background sound to a lead instrument. **Answer: Bill Monroe**
**Country Music BINGO**

**Write the following names in random order on your bingo card:**

DeFord Bailey, Mother Maybelle Carter, Johnny Cash, Ray Charles, Nudie Cohn, Loretta Lynn, Bill Monroe, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Minnie Pearl, Elvis Presley, Charley Pride, Jimmie Rodgers, Cindy Walker, Hank Williams, FREE SPACE