

Albert Schweitzer

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below. Albert Schweitzer as a boy would much rather be outdoors than in school. He had a dedicated teacher who inspired him to start studying. He loved music. He started playing the organ as soon as his legs were long enough to reach the pedals. As he became a man, he began to question why he should be so fortunate to enjoy the life he did when so many other people lived in poverty. This distressed him greatly, and he determined he would do something to make a difference in the lives of those who were less fortunate. He earned a degree in philosophy and also one in theology . He and his wife moved to Lambarene in the French Congo to build a hospital there. He lectured and gave organ concerts to raise money for the hospital. He began to build more buildings for the hospital. Eventually there would be 70 buildings housing more than 1,000 people. Many older Africans believed Dr. Schweitzer was a supernatural being and wanted to bow down to him . He was organized his thoughts and come up with a philosophy which he called Reverence for Life. Reverence for Life in essence says the one thing we are sure of is that we live and want to go on living as do all living things. He proposed that something was "good" if it maintained and furthered life and brought it to its highest level. He concluded something was "evil" if it hurt or destroyed life or kept it from developing. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952. When he went to Oslo to receive the prize he was greeted by a crowd of 20,000 people. Albert Schweitzer, this great humanitarian , spent nearly fifty years in the Congo. He died September 4, 1965 at the age of ninety.

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