Description:
Performing in seven different decades of the 20th century, Moms Mabley’s life and career was more than could be presented in the class time allowed. A deeper look at Moms Mabley can be seen in her albums, movies, books and TV appearances, as well as Whoopi Goldberg’s excellent documentary on her.

The following are some links and resources for further study. Note: The Amazon.com links listed here, in many cases, can also be obtained from your local library or other sources.

Materials:
Moms Mabley Albums
If you only listen to one Moms Mabley album, make it either the "Live at Sing Sing" album or the "I Got Something To Tell You!" album. They all have value and enrich the Moms experience. Click on the blue links below to see the Amazon.com writeups of each album. Most of these albums are also available at your local library. [Note: A few are not available as CD’s, but as vinyl LP’s or even 8-track tapes.]

- 1970 Moms Mabley - Live at Sing Sing
- 1961 On Stage (Funniest Woman in the World)
- 1961 Moms Mabley At The U.N.
- 1961 Moms Mabley at The Playboy Club
- 1962 Moms Mabley Breaks It Up
- 1962 Moms Mabley at Geneva Conference
- 1963 I Got Somethin’ to Tell You!
- 1963 Young Men, Si – Old Men, No
- 1963 Moms Mabley Moms The Word
- 1964 Out on a Limb
- 1964 The Funny Sides of Moms Mabley Chess
- 1964 Moms Wows
- 1964 Best of Moms and Pigmeat, Vol. 1
- 1965 Men in My Life
- 1965 Now Hear This
- 1966 Moms Mabley at the White House Conference
- 1968 Best of Moms Mabley
- 1968 Moms Mabley single Abraham, Martin & John
- 1969 The Youngest Teenager
- 1969 Her Young Thing
- 1972 I Like 'em Young
- 1994 Live at the Apollo
- 1994 The Funny Sides of Moms Mabley Jewel
- 1994 Live at the Ritz
- 2004 Comedy Ain’t Pretty
2005 Moms' Dream
2012 Moms Mabley At The Tivoli Theatre Chicago
2016 Moms Mabley Sings
2010 Pigmeat Markham / Moms Mabley LP Laugh Time

Moms Mabley Books
- Funniest Woman in the World [Audio cassette]
- Jet Magazine "Moms Mabley & Norris Sutton" January 3, 1974
- The Humor of Jackie Moms Mabley: An African American Comedic Tradition (Studies in African American History and Culture) 1st Edition

Moms Mabley DVDs and Films
If you just see one of these films, view “Amazing Grace” (1974), Moms’ final film. Moms plays a pivotal role as the guiding spirit in a neighborhood struggling with local corruption. If you just see two, add Whoopi Goldberg’s tribute to Moms. “Killer Diller” and “Boarding House Blues” were typical of a more slapstick sort of comedy of the 1940s, while “The Emperor Jones” is a Paul Robeson/Eugene O’Neill classic, Moms only plays the very small, uncredited role of Marcella.
- Amazing Grace (1974)
- The Emperor Jones (1933)
- Killer Diller (1948)[28]
- Boarding House Blues (1948)
- It’s Your Thing (documentary, 1970)
- Whoopi Goldberg Presents Moms Mabley (2013)

Moms Mabley TV Appearances
- The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour (1967)
- The Ed Sullivan Show (1969)
- The Merv Griffin Show (1969)
- The Bill Cosby Show (1970)
- The Pearl Bailey Show (1971)

Moms Mabley Stage Appearances
- Bowman’s Cotton Blossoms (1919)
- Look Who’s Here (1927)
- Miss Bandana (1927)
- Fast and Furious (1931)
- Blackberries of 1932 (1932)
- The Joy Boat (1930s)
- Sidewalks of Harlem (1930s)
- Red Pastures (1930s)
- Swingin’ the Dream (1939)

Moms Mabley (Free!) Web Links
Here is a way to acquaint yourself with Moms Mabley materials for free right from your browser. YouTube has a treasure trove of Moms Mabley, and below are both the titles and hyperlinks to get you there.
- Moms Mabley - Comedian (1967) [Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour]
- Moms Mabley "Men & Marriage" on The Ed Sullivan Show
- Moms Mabley - Don't Sit on my Bed (1948)
- Moms Mabley- "Amazing Grace"

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Tom Leonardis**

- **Buying A Bra - Moms Mabley**
- **Moms Mabley (comedian) 1948**
- **COMEDY: MOMS MABLEY "I GOT SOMETHIN' TO TELL YOU"**
- **MOMS MABLEY ABRAHAM, MARTIN & JOHN 1969** [Merv Griffin Show]
- **Moms Mabley & Kris Kristofferson presenting award U.S. TV 1974**
- **The Good Old Days - Moms Mabley**
- **Boarding House Blues (1948) MOMS MABLEY**
- **Amazing Grace 1974 [Full movie!]**
- **Moms mabley jokes**
- **Moms Mabley - "Hide the Whiskey"**
- **Moms Mabley - The Youngest Teenager - Complete Album**

**Articles about Moms Mabley**

An obit is a good way to get to know someone, and the AP obit listed below is a good start. More depth, though, is provided in the Leslie Bennetts piece in the NYT.

- **"Moms Mabley Dies at 77". Associated Press. May 23, 1975.**
- **Leslie Bennets, "THEATER: The Pain Behind The Laughter of Moms Mabley". The New York Times, August 9, 1987.**
- **^ "Moms Mabley". Biography.**
- **^ "Moms Mabley: She Finally Makes the Movies". Ebony. April 1974. p. 88. But instead of making a name for Loretta Aiken during this time, Moms was taking a name from a man named Jack Mabley. 'Jack was my first boyfriend,' Moms says... ‘He took a lot off me and the least I could do was take his name.’**
- **^ Jump up to: "Moms Mabley | Encyclopedia.com". www.encyclopedia.com.**
- **^ Jr, Lou Chibbaro (August 8, 2017). "Meet the legendary queer comedian 'Moms' Mabley". LGBTQ Nation.**
- **^ Wiegand, David (November 15, 2013). ""Whoopi Goldberg Presents Moms Mabley' review". San Francisco Chronicle.**
- **^ Jackie Mabley Archived February 21, 2018, at the Wayback Machine, pics-celeb.com;**
- **^ "'The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" Episode". IMDb. January 21, 1972.**
- **^ Alden Reimonenq (October 9, 2007). "The Harlem Renaissance". glbtq Encyclopedia.**
- **^ "LGBT History Month - Jackie 'Moms' Mabley - Comedian". Erie Gay News.**
- **^ "Ike & Tina Turner, Moms Mabley" (PDF). Billboard: 14. October 16, 1971.**
- **^ Keith Stern. Queers in History: The Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Historical, pg. 295.**

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