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Level 2

Kendrick Lamar wins Pulitzer Prize for music

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THE READING

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The American rapper Kendrick Lamar is the first non-classical or jazz musician to win the Pulitzer Prize for music. The award is for musicians who create "distinguished" music. Lamar won for his album "DAMN". The 30-year-old songwriter rapped about the reality of being black in the USA. He wrote songs like "Alright" and "The Blacker the Berry" that became very well known after the police shootings of black people in America. The Pulitzer board said the album was a masterly song collection that captured "the modern African-American life". Lamar has not yet commented on his award.

The Pulitzer Prize is for achievements in journalism, literature, and music. It started in 1917 and the first prize for musical composition was in 1943. Kendrick Lamar is the first rapper and the most commercially successful musician to win it. Classical musicians usually get it. The Pulitzer committee said: "We are very proud....It means that...the best work was awarded a Pulitzer Prize....It shines a light on hip-hop in a completely different way." Sky News said Lamar won: "for his deep lyrical content...and his profound mix of hip hop, spoken word, jazz, soul, funk, poetry and African sounds."

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/kendrick-lamar-becomes-first-non-classical-or-jazz-musician-to-win-pulitzer-prize-11334352>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. the first non-classical | a. shootings |
| 2. musicians who create "distinguished" | b. American life |
| 3. the reality of being | c. or jazz musician |
| 4. became very well | d. commented |
| 5. police | e. music |
| 6. song | f. known |
| 7. the modern African- | g. collection |
| 8. Lamar has not yet | h. black in the USA |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. achievements in | a. and African sounds |
| 2. the first prize for musical | b. proud |
| 3. the most commercially successful | c. composition |
| 4. We are very | d. on hip-hop |
| 5. the best work was awarded | e. journalism |
| 6. It shines a light | f. way |
| 7. in a completely different | g. musician |
| 8. poetry | h. a Pulitzer Prize |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Pulitzer Prize is for achievements (7) _____, literature, and music. It started in 1917 and the first prize for musical (8) _____ 1943. Kendrick Lamar is the first rapper (9) _____ commercially successful musician to win it. Classical musicians usually get it. The Pulitzer committee said: "We (10) _____....It means that...the best work (11) _____ Pulitzer Prize....It shines a light on hip-hop in a completely different way." Sky News said Lamar won: "for his deep lyrical content...and his profound mix of hip hop, spoken word, jazz, soul, (12) _____ African sounds."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RAPPERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Rappers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **rappers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
