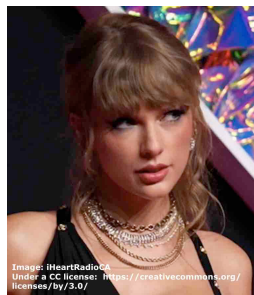


Taylor Swift makes history with fourth best album win

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Taylor Swift has made history at the 2024 Grammy Awards. The singer-songwriter superstar is the first artist to win best album of the year four times. The Grammys are given for outstanding achievements in the music industry. By winning for the fourth time, Ms Swift overtook music legends Frank Sinatra and Stevie Wonder. She won for her album "Midnights". In her acceptance speech, she said: "I would love to tell you that this is the best moment of my life, but I feel this happy when I finish a song...or when I'm rehearsing with my dancers or my band, or getting ready to go to Tokyo to play a show." She added: "All I wanna do is keep being able to do this. I love it so much. It makes me so happy."

Taylor Swift was born in 1989. She began writing songs professionally at the age of 14. In 2005, she signed with Big Machine Records to become a country singer. Since then, she has branched out into a variety of music styles. She has moved from country, to rock, to electronic, synth-pop and hip-hop. She is now the biggest music star in the world and has sold over 200 million records. A movie of her 2023-2024 concert tour "Eras" is the highest-grossing concert film ever. She is also a huge influencer of popular culture and is on Forbes magazine's list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women. Wikipedia describes Swift as being, "a philanthropist and an advocate for artists' rights and women's empowerment".

Sources: grammy.com / rollingstone.com / wikipedia.org

Writing

Taylor Swift is the world's greatest music artist. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

history / singer-songwriter / superstar / album / legends / the best moment / happy / writing songs / country music / music styles / hip-hop / concert your / popular culture

True / False

- 1) Taylor Swift won the best album award for four years in a row. T / F
- 2) A Grammy is awarded for the most records sold. T / F
- 3) Taylor Swift said the award was the best moment in her life. T / F
- 4) All Taylor Swift wants to do is sing, make music and dance. T / F
- 5) Taylor Swift signed her first record contract when she was 14. T / F
- 6) The article says Taylor Swift is the world's biggest music star. T / F
- 7) Forbes magazine named Ms Swift as the world's most powerful woman. T / F
- 8) Taylor Swift does a lot for the rights of women and artists. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. outstanding | a. concert |
| 2. legends | b. champion |
| 3. rehearsing | c. giver |
| 4. show | d. calls |
| 5. happy | e. excellent |
| 6. branched out | f. practicing |
| 7. ever | g. superstars |
| 8. describes | h. in history |
| 9. philanthropist | i. cheerful |
| 10. advocate | j. diversified |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think about Taylor Swift?
- c) What would you like to write songs about?
- d) What is the best music genre?
- e) What do you think of popular culture?
- f) Who are the most powerful women in the world?
- g) How could Taylor Swift change the world?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Taylor Swift?

Phrase Match

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|---|-----------------------|
| 1. outstanding | a. dancers or my band |
| 2. this is the best moment | b. rights |
| 3. when I'm rehearsing with my | c. so happy |
| 4. All I wanna do is keep being | d. of music styles |
| 5. It makes me | e. concert film ever |
| 6. She began writing songs professionally | f. able to do this |
| 7. she has branched out into a variety | g. culture |
| 8. the highest-grossing | h. of my life |
| 9. a huge influencer of popular | i. achievements |
| 10. an advocate for artists' | j. at the age of 14 |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about Taylor Swift?
- What do you think of music awards shows?
- What do you think is the best album ever?
- What was the best moment of your life?
- Who is the best singer in the world at the moment?
- Would you like to be a singer-songwriter superstar?
- What makes you happy?
- What advice do you have for Taylor Swift?

Spelling

- The singer-ogsirwtner superstar
- given for uttodnaisng achievements
- in the music disuntry
- In her cetpaaccne speech
- this is the best ommnet
- when I'm eersraihng with my dancers
- writing songs epirsofanolsly
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- a rveiaty of music styles
- A movie of her 2023-2024 onccret tour
- a huge nfuinelcer of popular culture
- an ovacdate for artists' rights

Answers – Synonym Match

1. e	2. g	3. f	4. a	5. i
6. j	7. h	8. d	9. c	10. b

Role Play

Role A – Country

You think country is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock, classical or jazz.

Role B – Rock

You think rock is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): country, classical or jazz.

Role C – Classical

You think classical is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock, country or jazz.

Role D – Jazz

You think jazz is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock, classical or country.

Speaking – Music Genres

Rank these with your partner. Put the best genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|-----------|--------------|
| • Country | • Electronic |
| • Rock | • Reggae |
| • Pop | • Classical |
| • Hip-hop | • Jazz |

Answers – True False

1	F	2	F	3	F	4	T	5	F	6	T	7	F	8	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.