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THE ARTICLE

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Pop diva Lady Gaga launched her Born This Way Foundation (BTWF) at Harvard University on February 29. She told reporters the goal of the foundation is to empower youth, inspire bravery, increase tolerance of others and stamp out bullying. The singer told her audience that she hoped to use her fame to change the world for the better. She said: "If you have revolutionary potential, you must make the world a better place and use it...This is about transformative change in culture." Gaga explained how important the foundation was to her, saying: "The culture of love is not going to change overnight but youth are the answer to creating a braver, kinder world...This might be one of the best days of my life."

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WARM-UPS

1. LADY GAGA: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Lady Gaga. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

pop diva / born this way / youth / bravery / fame / change in culture / best days / autographs / initiatives / encourage / get more involved / anthem / contributed

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. EMPOWER YOUTH: How? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

	How?	Problems with this?
empower youth		
inspire bravery		
increase tolerance		
stamp out bullying		
get involved		
culture of love		

4. YOUTH: Students A **strongly** believe (as Lady Gaga believes) youth are the answer to creating a braver world; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. CHANGE: How do today's youth most need to change? Rank them and share your rankings with your partner. Put the biggest changes at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- fashion
- getting involved in local community
- study habits
- respect for the aged
- manners
- tolerance
- selflessness
- drinking

6. BULLYING: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'bullying'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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|--|-------|
| a. Lady Gaga has recorded a new song about bullying. | T / F |
| b. Lady Gaga has started an initiative to try and stop bullying. | T / F |
| c. Lady Gaga says she wants to use her fame to change the world. | T / F |
| d. The pop diva said her visit to Harvard was the very best of her life. | T / F |
| e. Harvard was the first of many events for Lady Gaga's foundation. | T / F |
| f. Youth can get to Lady Gaga's concerts on a special bus. | T / F |
| g. Gaga's new foundation is named after one of her big hits. | T / F |
| h. Gaga has not yet given any money to her foundation. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. launched | a. possibilities |
| 2. inspire | b. acceptance |
| 3. tolerance | c. chosen |
| 4. stamp out | d. plans |
| 5. potential | e. started |
| 6. event | f. go with |
| 7. initiatives | g. put an end to |
| 8. accompany | h. stimulate |
| 9. adopted | i. donated |
| 10. contributed | j. occasion |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the goal of the foundation is | a. photos |
| 2. stamp | b. overnight |
| 3. make the world | c. autographs |
| 4. not going to change | d. to empower youth |
| 5. one of the best | e. anthem |
| 6. She signed | f. out bullying |
| 7. posed for | g. more involved |
| 8. the first of a series | h. days of my life |
| 9. encourage kids to get | i. of initiatives |
| 10. adopted as an unofficial | j. a better place |

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WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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important
fame
empower
braver
launched
overnight
potential
stamp

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encourage
anthem
adopted
signed
contributed
arrived
posed
reach

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'gay' and 'lesbian'.

gay	lesbian
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• told• bravery• fame• better• answer• best	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• signed• posed• more• next• reach• own
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LADY GAGA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Lady Gaga 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.

LADY GAGA DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'bullying'?
- c) What do you think of Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation?
- d) What do you think of Lady Gaga?
- e) How do you inspire bravery?
- f) What's the best way to stamp out bullying?
- g) Do you think you have "revolutionary potential"?
- h) Do you think it's possible for a pop star to create a "culture of love"?
- i) Do you think "youth are the answer to creating a braver, kinder world"?
- j) What was one of the best days of your life?

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LADY GAGA DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) Would you like to have attended Lady Gaga's event at Harvard?
- c) Why do you think Lady Gaga chose to launch her Born This Way Foundation at Harvard University?
- d) What can the foundation do to get kids more involved in their communities?
- e) In what way can the foundation reach out to and help gay and lesbian youth?
- f) What do you think of the name Born This Way Foundation?
- g) How good a role model is Lady Gaga to youth?
- h) What can you do to help today's youth?
- i) How do the youth in your country need to change?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Lady Gaga?

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LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) power | (b) powerful | (c) powers | (d) empower |
| 2. | (a) brave | (b) brevity | (c) bravery | (d) bravely |
| 3. | (a) in | (b) out | (c) to | (d) of |
| 4. | (a) better | (b) well | (c) nicely | (d) fun |
| 5. | (a) up | (b) of | (c) in | (d) by |
| 6. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) out | (d) to |
| 7. | (a) pasted | (b) posed | (c) praised | (d) parsed |
| 8. | (a) involved | (b) revolved | (c) evolved | (d) solved |
| 9. | (a) play | (b) accompany | (c) form | (d) rectify |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) from | (c) out | (d) as |
| 11. | (a) after | (b) before | (c) later | (d) earlier |
| 12. | (a) element | (b) rafter | (c) boundary | (d) anthem |

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. LADY GAGA: Make a poster about Lady Gaga. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BULLYING: Write a magazine article about bullying and how to stop it. Include imaginary interviews with a bully and someone who is bullied.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Lady Gaga. Ask her three questions about her work. Give her three pieces of advice on what to do next. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

a. F b. T c. T d. F e. T f. F g. T h. F

SYNONYM MATCH:

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GAP FILL:

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LANGUAGE WORK

1 - d 2 - c 3 - b 4 - a 5 - c 6 - d 7 - b 8 - a 9 - b 10 - c 11 - a 12 - d