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Level 1

Kendrick Lamar wins Pulitzer Prize for music

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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

The Pulitzer Prize for music started in 1943. Kendrick Lamar is the first rapper and the best selling musician to win it. Classical musicians usually win. Pulitzer said: "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>
<https://www.rollingstone.com/music/news/kendrick-lamars-pulitzer-win-is-just-the-beginning-w519246>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the first non-classical | a. American life |
| 2. The 30-year-old | b. or jazz musician |
| 3. the reality of being black | c. yet |
| 4. became well | d. of black people |
| 5. the police shootings | e. in the USA |
| 6. a masterly song | f. known |
| 7. the modern African- | g. collection |
| 8. Lamar has not commented | h. songwriter |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The Pulitzer Prize for music | a. on hip-hop |
| 2. the best | b. African sounds |
| 3. Classical musicians usually | c. a Pulitzer Prize |
| 4. The best work was awarded | d. content |
| 5. It shines a light | e. started in 1943 |
| 6. in a completely | f. win |
| 7. deep lyrical | g. selling musician |
| 8. poetry and | h. different way |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Kendrick Lamar (1) _____ non-classical or jazz musician (2) _____ Pulitzer Prize for music. Lamar won for his album "DAMN". The 30-year-old songwriter rapped about (3) _____ being black in the USA. Songs like "The Blacker the Berry" became well known after the police (4) _____ people in America. Pulitzer said the album was (5) _____ collection about "the modern African-American life". Lamar has not commented yet (6) _____.

The Pulitzer Prize (7) _____ in 1943. Kendrick Lamar is the first rapper and (8) _____ musician to win it. Classical musicians (9) _____. Pulitzer said: "The best work was awarded a Pulitzer Prize.... (10) _____ light on hip-hop in a completely different way." Sky News said Lamar won: "(11) _____ lyrical content...and his profound mix of hip hop, spoken word, (12) _____, poetry and 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) _____

