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Level 5 – 19th November

Elvis Presley gets Presidential Medal of Freedom

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THE READING

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The legendary rock singer Elvis Presley has been awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, 41 years after he died. Presley is known as the "King of rock and roll". Other recipients of the award included baseball great Babe Ruth. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is given by the President of the United States. It is the highest award that can be given to a civilian. It recognizes people who have made, "an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant...endeavors".

President Trump said: "America is blessed to have the most skill, passion and talent of anywhere on earth. We are truly a great nation...that is doing really, really well right now." The White House described Elvis as, "an enduring American icon". It added: "Presley defined American culture to billions of adoring fans around the world. Fusing gospel, country, and rhythm and blues, the star created a sound all his own." Elvis is one of the biggest musicians of the 20th century and the best-selling solo artist ever. Other musical stars to get the award include Aretha Franklin and Stevie Wonder.

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/11/16/president-trump-medals-freedom-elvis-babe-ruth/2025294002/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-46233352>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presidential_Medal_of_Freedom

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The legendary | a. of the award |
| 2. 41 years | b. national interests |
| 3. Presley is known as the | c. rock singer |
| 4. Other recipients | d. great Babe Ruth |
| 5. baseball | e. endeavors |
| 6. the highest award that can be | f. "King" |
| 7. contribution to the security or | g. after he died |
| 8. cultural or other significant | h. given to a civilian |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. America is | a. artist ever |
| 2. the most skill, passion | b. blessed |
| 3. an enduring American | c. blues |
| 4. billions of adoring | d. to get the award |
| 5. rhythm and | e. and talent |
| 6. one of the biggest | f. fans |
| 7. the best-selling solo | g. musicians |
| 8. Other musical stars | h. icon |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ Elvis Presley has been awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, 41 years after he died. Presley (2) _____ the "King of rock and roll". Other recipients of the award (3) _____ Babe Ruth. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is given by the President of the United States. It is the highest award that can be given (4) _____. It recognizes people who have (5) _____ meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, (6) _____ or other significant...endeavors".

President Trump said: "America is blessed to have (7) _____, passion and talent of anywhere on earth. We are (8) _____ nation...that is doing really, really well right now." The White House described Elvis as, "an (9) _____". It added: "Presley defined American culture to billions of adoring fans around the world. Fusing gospel, country, and (10) _____, the star created a (11) _____ own." Elvis is one of the biggest musicians of the 20th century and the best-selling solo artist ever. Other musical stars to get (12) _____ Aretha Franklin and Stevie Wonder.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ELVIS PRESLEY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Elvis Presley 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 **Elvis Presley** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
