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Elvis Presley gets Presidential Medal of Freedom

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THE READING

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The rock legend Elvis Presley has been awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, 41 years after he died. Presley is called the "King of rock and roll". Other people to get the award included baseball great Babe Ruth. The medal is given by the President of the United States. It is the highest award given to a civilian. It recognizes people who have made a great contribution to the security or national interests of the USA, culture and world peace.

President Trump said: "America is blessed to have the most skill, passion and talent of anywhere on earth. We are truly a great nation." The White House called Elvis, "an enduring American icon". It said he, "defined American culture to billions of adoring fans around the world....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.

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

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The rock | a. given to a civilian |
| 2. 41 years | b. the award |
| 3. the King | c. contribution |
| 4. Other people to get | d. great Babe Ruth |
| 5. baseball | e. of rock and roll |
| 6. the highest award | f. legend Elvis Presley |
| 7. people who have made a great | g. of the USA |
| 8. national interests | h. after he died |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. America is | a. the 20th century |
| 2. We are truly a | b. icon |
| 3. an enduring American | c. fans |
| 4. he defined American | d. artist ever |
| 5. billions of adoring | e. great nation |
| 6. The star created a sound | f. blessed |
| 7. the biggest musicians of | g. all his own |
| 8. the best-selling solo | h. culture |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The rock legend Elvis Presley (1) _____ the Presidential Medal of Freedom, 41 years (2) _____. Presley is called the "(3) _____ and roll". Other people to get the award included baseball great Babe Ruth. The medal (4) _____ the President of the United States. It is the highest award given (5) _____. It recognizes people who have made a great contribution to the security (6) _____ of the USA, culture and world peace.

President Trump said: "America is blessed to have (7) _____, passion and talent of (8) _____.

We are (9) _____ nation." The White House called Elvis, "an enduring American icon". It said he, "defined American (10) _____ of adoring fans around the world....The star created a (11) _____ own." Elvis is one of the biggest musicians of the 20th century and the best-selling (12) _____.

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) _____

