

# Classwork 40

## Rap Artists

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Match the name of the artist with the fact about the artist.

- A. Tupac \_\_\_\_\_ He is best known as an MC in the West Coast hip hop scene, and for being one of Dr. Dre's most notable protégés.
- B. Ice Cube \_\_\_\_\_ He is the founder and current CEO of Aftermath Entertainment and a former co-owner and artist of Death Row Records
- C. Snoop Dogg \_\_\_\_\_ With the help of Eminem and Dr. Dre, who produced his first major commercial successes, Jackson became one of the world's highest selling rappers.
- D. Lil Wayne \_\_\_\_\_ Began his career as a roadie and backup dancer for the alternative hip hop ground Digital Underground.
- E. Dr. Dre \_\_\_\_\_ In March 2011, he will be a part of the fourth season of The Celebrity Apprentice on NBC.
- F. Lil Jon \_\_\_\_\_ He won Grammy Awards in 2003 and 2004 and had a supporting role in the 2005 remake film The Longest Yard with Adam Sandler and Chris Rock.
- G. Nelly \_\_\_\_\_ He has served as one of the producers of the Showtime television series Barbershop and the TBS series Are We There Yet?
- H. 50 Cent \_\_\_\_\_ In March 2010 he began serving an 8 month prison sentence in New York after being convicted of criminal possession of a weapon



## **Tupac Shakur**

Tupac was a top-selling rap artist, a promising actor, and a social activist. Most of Tupac's songs are about growing up amid violence and hardship in ghettos, racism, other social problems, and conflicts with other rappers during the East Coast-West Coast hip hop rivalry. Shakur began his career as a roadie and backup dancer for the alternative hip hop group Digital Underground.



## **Ice Cube**

Ice cube is an American rapper, actor, screenwriter, film director, and producer. He began his career as a member of C.I.A and later joined the rap group N.W.A. After leaving N.W.A in 1989, he built a successful solo career in music, and also as a writer, director, actor and producer in cinema. Additionally, he has served as one of the producers of the Showtime television series Barbershop and the TBS series Are We There Yet?



## **Snoop Dogg**

Snoop Dogg is an American entertainer, rapper, record producer and actor. Snoop is best known as an MC in the West Coast hip hop scene, and for being one of Dr. Dre's most notable protégés. His music career began in 1992 after his release when he was discovered by Dr. Dre.



## **Lil' Wayne**

Lil Wayne is an American rap artist. His most successful album, *Tha Carter III*, was released in 2008 which went on to sell over 1 million copies in the

U.S. its first week of release. It included the number-one single "Lollipop" and won the Grammy Award for Best Rap Album. Lil Wayne released his debut rock album, *Rebirth*, in 2010 to primarily negative reception from critics. The album eventually went gold. In March 2010, Lil Wayne began serving an 8 month prison sentence in New York after being convicted of criminal possession of a weapon stemming from an incident in July 2007.



## **Dr. Dre**

Dr. Dre, is an American record producer, rapper, record executive, and actor. He is the founder and current CEO of Aftermath Entertainment and a former co-owner and artist of Death Row Records, also having produced albums for and overseeing the careers of many rappers signed to those

record labels, such as Snoop Dogg, Eminem and 50 Cent. As a producer he is credited as a key figure in the popularization of West Coast G-funk, a style of rap music characterized as synthesizer-based with slow, heavy beats.



## **50 Cent**

Born in South Jamaica, Queens, Jackson began drug dealing at the age of twelve during the 1980s crack epidemic. After leaving drug dealing to pursue a rap career, he was shot at and struck by nine bullets during an incident in 2000. After releasing his album *Guess Who's Back?* in 2002, Jackson was discovered by rapper Eminem and signed to Interscope Records. With the help of Eminem and Dr. Dre, who produced his first major commercial successes, Jackson became one of the world's highest selling rappers.





## **Nelly**

Nelly is an American Hip Hop artist. He won Grammy Awards in 2003 and 2004 and had a supporting role in the 2005 remake film *The Longest Yard* with Adam Sandler and Chris Rock. He has two clothing lines, Vokal and Apple Bottoms. He has

been referred to by Peter Shapiro as "one of the biggest stars of the new millennium", and the RIAA ranks Nelly as one of the best-selling male artists in American music history, with 21 million albums sold in the United States.



## **Lil Jon**

Lil Jon is an American music producer, rapper, crunkster and occasional disc jockey who was a member of the group Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz. He is often recognized for his hype shouts of

"Yeah!", "What?", "Okay!", and "Everybody!". Lil Jon formed the group in 1997, and the group released several albums between then and 2004. In March 2011, Lil Jon will be a part of the fourth season of *The Celebrity Apprentice* on NBC.