

Gangsta

On September 7th, 1996, while driving away from a Mike Tyson fight in Las Vegas, gangsta rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and fatally injured. Six days later, on September 13th, he died, aged 25. The shooting was the final chapter in the life of the controversial performer.

1. Read the rest of the story of Tupac. There are twenty lines. Fifteen of them contain one extra word. Find the extra words and write them in the column on the right. The first two lines have been done as examples.

<p>1 Born Lesane Crooks in Brooklyn, New York, on June 16th, 1971, his mother gave to</p>	<p><u>to</u></p>
<p>2 him the name Tupac Amaru, which means ‘shining serpent’, after an Inca Indian</p>	<p><u>✓</u></p>
<p>3 revolutionary. His mother, Afeni Shakur, was belonged to the Black Panther</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>4 movement, and just before his birth had been being released from prison for her part</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>5 in a plot to bomb banks and department stores. Fearing FBI surveillance, the family</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>6 moved from a place to place. In his early teens, Tupac and his family moved to</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>7 Baltimore, Maryland, where he showed great potential while he studying at the</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>8 Baltimore School for the Performing Arts. Just as he was settling down, the family</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>9 moved again, to Oakland, California. In his mid teens, Tupac has joined a gang,</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>10 calling himself <i>MC New York</i>, and started to getting into trouble with the law. By his</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>11 twentieth birthday, he had been arrested on eight times and been to prison. He joined</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>12 rap group Digital Underground and began work on his own recording projects. Just</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>13 as Digital Underground achieved success, Tupac released from his album</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>14 <i>2Pacalypse Now</i>, which was become an instant hit.</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>15 He offended many with his songs that celebrated violence, but he also attracted to a</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>16 wide audience, selling millions of records. Despite of his hard image, he was an</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>17 intelligent, well-read man whose acting career was on the rise. He appeared in the</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>18 <i>Juice</i>, <i>Poetic Justice</i> and <i>Gridlock’d</i>. However, trouble was never been far away; in</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>19 1994 he was shot five times outside a New York recording studio, and, at the time of</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>20 his death, he was awaiting for a possible prison sentence on a sexual assault charge.</p>	<p>_____</p>

2. Work in pairs or small groups.

- a. Prepare a list of as many music styles as you can think of.
- b. Decide together which of these styles has had the greatest impact on the music of today.