

Name:

Day One

Shawn Carter, AKA Jay-Z

Part 1: Silent read

➔ Get the facts about the king of hip-hop. Read silently.

You know who Shawn Carter is, right? Jay-Z!

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Source: "The 2013 Time 100: Jay-Z," *Time*, April 13, 2013.



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Where does Jay-Z’s style of music come from?

What does Jay-Z do besides make music?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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