

EMINEM BIOGRAPHY



READ THE FOLLOWING TEXT ABOUT EMINEM.

Marshall Bruce Mathers III was born on October 17th 1972 in Kansas City.

He lived with his mother and they were always travelling from one place to another until they started living in Detroit when Eminem was 12.

Although he had a troubled childhood and had been educated in a broken family, Eminem was a surprisingly quiet child and spent all his free time watching TV and reading comic books. He attended Lincoln Junior High School, but he was only interested in rap. But as a white rapper singing predominantly “black” music, Eminem got into many fights while in school. He didn’t spend much time studying and he was always missing school so he left it to dedicate himself to music.

He spent his time working at several jobs while he kept on rapping. Eminem established a reputation for himself as the only white rapper when he released a solo independent album, *infinite*, in 1996. However, he received only negative comments and criticism.

When his *The Marshall Mathers* LP was released in 2000, Eminem quickly became the star of the year. His album sold two million copies in its first week and stayed at number one in the charts for eight weeks.

His success didn’t stop and in 2001 he received the Grammy for Best Rap Solo Performance and the Best Rap Album of the year award. Eminem was also a winner at the 2001 Brit Awards, where he was elected the Best international Male Artist.

A – SAY WHETHER THESE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE OR FALSE.

1. Eminem is his real name.
2. He has already won several music awards.
3. He has lived in many different cities.
4. Eminem’s first album was a great success.

B - ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH COMPLETE SENTENCES.

1. What did he usually do in his free time?
2. When he was a teenager, what were his main interests?
3. What did he do when he left school?
4. When was his first album released?

C- FIND EQUIVALENTS FOR THESE WORDS IN THE TEXT.

- 1- calm _____ 2- keen on _____ 3- devote _____
4- different _____ 5- continued _____

D- MATCH THESE WORDS TAKEN FROM THE TEXT WITH THEIR OPPOSITE.

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| 1. always (l. 3) | a. stopped |
| 2. started (l. 4) | b. positive |
| 3. kept on (l. 14) | c. never |
| 4. negative (l. 16) | d. slowly |
| 5. quickly (l. 17) | e. last |
| 6. first (l. 18) | f. finished |