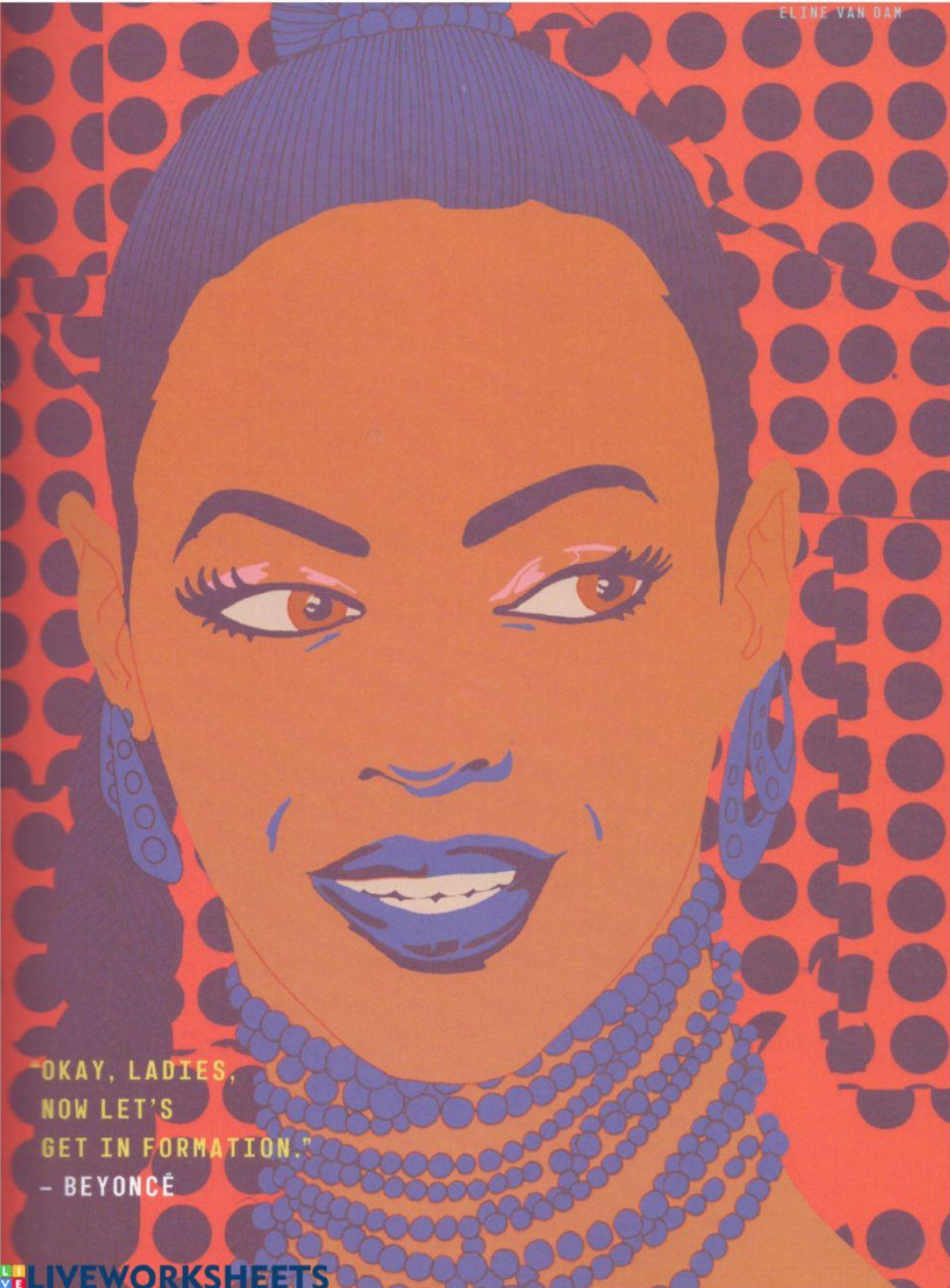




"OKAY, LADIES,
NOW LET'S
GET IN FORMATION."
- BEYONCÉ

BEYONCÉ

SINGER, SONGWRITER, AND BUSINESSWOMAN

Beyoncé was six years old when her dad started selling people tickets to go to their house and see her sing and dance. When Beyoncé told her mom she wanted to create a band with her friends, her mom said, "Okay. I'll make your costumes." And so Destiny's Child was born.

Beyoncé was the queen of the band. She was driven, focused, and interested in learning as much as possible about every aspect of the music business.

At first, her dad was her manager. But when she decided she wanted to be in control of her career, Beyoncé asked him to step aside. Madonna, the great singer-songwriter, was her role model. Like Madonna, Beyoncé didn't *just* want to be a popular singer—she wanted to be a powerhouse. And that's what she became.

One song at a time, one album at a time, one concert at a time, Beyoncé forged her own path and became an inspiration to people around the world. She sang about freedom, about love, about independence, and about pain: both personal pain and social injustice. She inspired millions of black women to be proud of their culture, of their origins, of their own unique style.

When Beyoncé was asked to perform during the halftime show of the Super Bowl, the biggest sporting event in the United States, she entered the stadium leading an army of female dancers all dressed in black. With her compelling song "Formation," she dropped a black power anthem in front of one hundred million viewers.

Today, she is the most influential living pop star in the whole world.

BORN SEPTEMBER 4, 1981

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BEYONCÉ

VOCABULARY:

Costumes:

Driven:

Business:

Destiny:

Focused:

One at a time:

Child:

Powerhouse:

Perform:

Compelling:

Anthem:

Proud:

1. How old was she when she started singing and dancing for people at home?

2. What was the name of her band?

3. What is the SuperBowl?

Full answers, please!

How old is Beyoncé?

When is her birthday?

Where was she born?

Any other interesting information?