



TOPIC AND PURPOSE

1. What is the main purpose of this website?

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My New Friend

I always believed there were aliens from other planets. But I never thought I would see one in my own backyard! I looked into the strange visitor's huge eyeball. He looked right back at me. After a few minutes, he began to talk.



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to teach people about different kinds of aliens

to tell a made-up story about a visitor from outer space

2. Read the passage.

Lin-Manuel Miranda is an actor, singer, and songwriter. He wrote *Hamilton: An American Musical*. *Musicals* are plays that tell stories with songs.

Hamilton tells the story of how America first became a country. Some people might think that a musical about America's past would be boring. But Lin-Manuel found a way to make *Hamilton* interesting. He used a newer kind of music in the musical, called *hip hop*.





Hip hop uses *rapping*, which mixes singing with talking. Most people had never seen a hip hop musical until *Hamilton*. They loved it, and Lin-Manuel won many awards for this special musical!

What is the passage about?

how America first became a country

Lin-Manuel Miranda and his musical *Hamilton*

3. What does the author want you to know about Lin-Manuel and *Hamilton*?

Lin-Manuel found an interesting way to tell America's story with *Hamilton*.

Lin-Manuel wrote a book about Hamilton before he made the musical.

4. How did Lin-Manuel make *Hamilton* interesting?

He added cartoons to the show.

He used hip hop music in the show.