

Kanye West changes his name to Ye

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The rapper Kanye West has changed his name to Ye. Judges in California approved his request for the name change. Kanye Omari West is the name that appeared on his birth certificate. However, the artist now has a new,

shorter name. Ye, 44, has no legal middle name or surname. He has wanted to change his name for a long time and finally, his wish is now reality. Three years ago, he announced that he was, "the being formerly known as Kanye West". Ye did not give any reasons for his name change. He said it was for "personal reasons" but did not offer any more explanations. The rapper has had the nickname Ye for a long time. It is even the name of his eighth studio album.

The music website billboard.com reported that one of the requirements for name changes in California is for the person to publish it in a newspaper. This is so anyone who might be harmed by the change can object. Ye did this four different times in September. He put notices that he wished to change his name in the Daily Commerce newspaper. One of the only times Ye has talked about his new name was three years ago. He spoke to a radio host called Big Boy. He said "Ye" was from the Bible and that it means "you". He said: "I believe "ye" is the most commonly used word in the Bible, and in the Bible, it means "you". So, I'm you, I'm us, it's us."

Sources: yahoo.com / sky.com / billboard.com

Writing

Rap is the best form of music. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

rapper / name change / birth certificate / surname / middle name / nickname / album / music website / newspaper / California / September / radio host / Bible / years ago

True / False

- 1) Judges in New York said it was OK for Kanye West to change his name. T / F
- 2) The name Kanye did not appear on Ye's birth certificate. T / F
- 3) Ye still has a legal middle name and surname. T / F
- 4) "Ye" is the name of Ye's eighth studio album. T / F
- 5) There are no requirements to change your name in California. T / F
- 6) Ye put a notice in a newspaper four times about his name change. T / F
- 7) Ye spoke about his name change to a radio host 10 years ago. T / F
- 8) Ye said there is no word in the Bible used more than "ye". T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. approved | a. hurt |
| 2. request | b. desire |
| 3. legal | c. conditions |
| 4. wish | d. spoken |
| 5. personal | e. ok'd |
| 6. requirements | f. protest |
| 7. harmed | g. private |
| 8. object | h. appeal |
| 9. talked | i. frequently |
| 10. commonly | j. lawful |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do your names mean?
- c) Who is the best rapper ever?
- d) What do you think of hyphenated names?
- e) Do you prefer to be called by your given name or surname?
- f) How does Ye compare to other rappers?
- g) Do you think the name Ye or Kanye is better?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Ye?

Phrase Match

- Judges in California approved
- the name that appeared on his birth
- Ye, 44, has no legal middle
- He said it was for personal
- It is even the name of his eighth
- publish it
- anyone who might be harmed
- notices that he wished
- He spoke to a radio
- the most commonly used
- in a newspaper
- name
- host
- word in the Bible
- his request
- reasons
- to change his name
- studio album
- by the change
- certificate

Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about Ye (formerly known as Kanye West)?
- What do you think of Ye changing his name?
- Why do you think he changed his name?
- How happy are you with your name?
- What would you change your name to?
- What do you think of middle names?
- What do you think of Ye's songs and raps?
- Do you have a nickname?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. c	7. a	8. f	9. d	10. i

Role Play

Role A – Rap

You think rap is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): rock, classical or jazz.

Role B – Rock

You think rock is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): rap, classical or jazz.

Role C – Classical

You think classical is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): rock, rap or jazz.

Role D – Jazz

You think jazz is the best music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): rock, classical or rap.

Speaking – Music genres

Rank these with your partner. Put the best music genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Rap
- Classical
- Pop
- Country
- Rock
- Electro
- Opera
- Jazz

Answers – True False

1 F	2 F	3 F	4 T	5 F	6 T	7 F	8 T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.