

1. Mark the parts that confuse you. Make a marginal note to explain how it confuses you. (**Bold, underlined** words in bold must be annotated.)
2. Use what context clues you can to make a guess about what confuses you.
3. Comment on the text by connecting to personal experience or previous knowledge.
4. Answer the questions at the bottom of the page.

Prince songs set to dominate charts

(Source withheld as it's one of the questions)

Comprehension

Comments

Sales of Prince's music have skyrocketed since his death last Thursday, at the age of 57. The Very Best of Prince and Purple Rain hold the number one and two spot respectively in the US Billboard chart. The chart is **compiled** on a Friday, meaning Prince outsold the rest of the market in just 24 hours. In the UK, two of his albums also entered the Top 40 on Friday. The star's catalogue was only available to stream on Tidal, while he **relentlessly** pursued people who illegally uploaded his material to sites like SoundCloud, Daily Motion and YouTube. "I have a team of female black lawyers who keep an eye on such transgressions," Prince once said. "And you know they're sharp." The Official Charts Company in the UK said that, based on early figures, Prince could have the number one single and album in the UK this coming Friday.

Prince died at his Paisley Park home near Minneapolis last week, after reports he was suffering with flu. He was found in an unresponsive state in a **lift** on the first floor of his home. Emergency service personnel performed CPR, but were unable to **revive** him. The star was pronounced dead at the scene. Details of the **post-mortem** examination have yet to be released, but his body was released to his family on Friday afternoon and he was cremated on Saturday.

Thousands of fans have flocked to Paisley Park, the First Avenue nightclub, and other sites made famous by Prince since his death, while tributes have come from Lady Gaga, Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Wonder, Justin Timberlake and President Obama, amongst others. The US comedy show Saturday Night Live dedicated this weekend's edition to the star, playing back his musical appearances and footage of an invitation-only concert he played for the programme's 40th Anniversary. The NFL also uploaded the star's memorable, rain-drenched SuperBowl concert to YouTube for the first time since it aired in 2004.

A senator in Prince's home state of Minnesota has called for purple to be adopted as its official colour, reported the St Paul Pioneer Press; while Prince's brother-in-law said plans were "in the works" for a large-scale public musical memorial.

A private memorial service was held for the rock star on Saturday, attended by about 20 of his closest friends and family. Among them was Sly and the Family Stone bassist Larry Graham, who toured with Prince and converted him to the Jehovah's Witness faith. Also present was drummer Sheila E, one of Prince's most frequent collaborators on records including Lovesexy, Erotic City and The Glamorous Life.

Questions

1. Based on the spelling of certain words, what can you infer about the source of this article?
2. What is the cause of death, according to the article?
3. What is Paisley Park?
4. What is the St. Paul Pioneer Press? How do you know?