

Tupac Amaru Shakur

- ❖ *Born June 16th 1971*
- ❖ *Died September 13th 1996*
- ❖ *Birth name = Lesane Parish Crooks*



EARLY LIFE

- ❖ Born in Manhattan in **New York City** but later lived in **San Francisco Bay Area**.
- ❖ His mother **Afeni Shakur** was a member of the **Black Panther Party**.
- ❖ He was originally born as **Lesane Parish Crooks** but his mother legally changed his name to **Tupac Amaru Shakur**.

I wanted him to have the name of revolutionary, indigenous people in the world. I wanted him to know he was part of a world culture and not just from a neighborhood ...

— Afeni Shakur



FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

- ❖ Family and Government had bad relationships.
- ❖ After completing his second year at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Shakur transferred to the Baltimore School for the Arts, where he studied acting, poetry, jazz, and ballet.
- ❖ He was very popular in his school.
- ❖ His later abilities would come to play in his school time.



MOVE TO CALIFORNIA

- ❖ He constantly was switching places and therefore attended a lot of schools.

Our raps, not the sorry story raps everyone is so tired of. They are about what happens in the real world. Our goal is to have people relate to our raps, making it easier to see what really is happening out there. Even more important, what we may do to better our world.

"Conquering All Obstacles" - Paper by Tupac



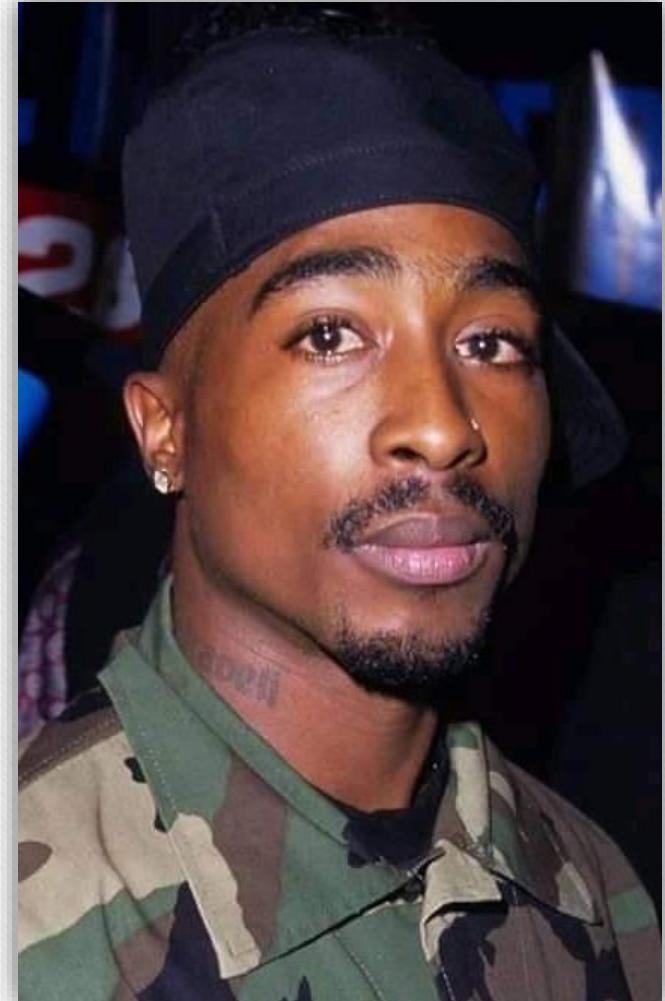
CAREER BEGINNINGS

- ❖ He was talented at literally everything.
- ❖ In 1991 he was signed to a Music Label called “Digital Underground”.
- ❖ 2Pacalypse Now was his first album released in 1991.
- ❖ Brenda’s got a baby was his first major song that became a success.
- ❖ His second studio album, *Strictly 4 My N.I.G.G.A.Z...*, was released in February 1993.



Rise to Prominence

- ❖ In November 30th 1994 he was victim of a shooting.
- ❖ The day after the shooting he appeared on court and was sentenced to prison.
- ❖ His third album, *Me Against the World*, was released in March 1995 and was very well-received.
- ❖ While imprisoned, Shakur became interested in philosophy, philosophy of war, and military strategy..

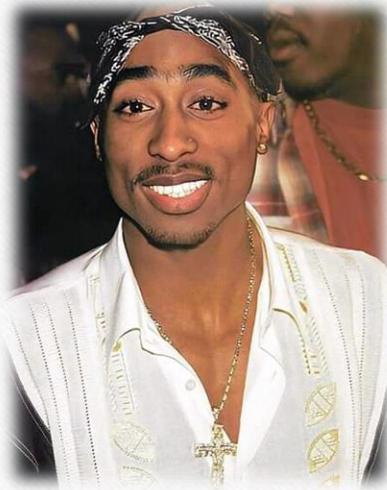


1996 Soul Train Music Awards.

SIGNING TO DEATH ROW

On October 1995 he was bailed from Jail by the C.E.O of Death Row Records Suge Knight.

- ❖ It was at this time that his fame culminated at the top.
- ❖ He recorded hundreds of songs.
- ❖ It is also valuable to know that at this time many conflicts happened between him and his friends.



- ❖ During this time his best and most popular album was released, called "**All Eyez On Me**".

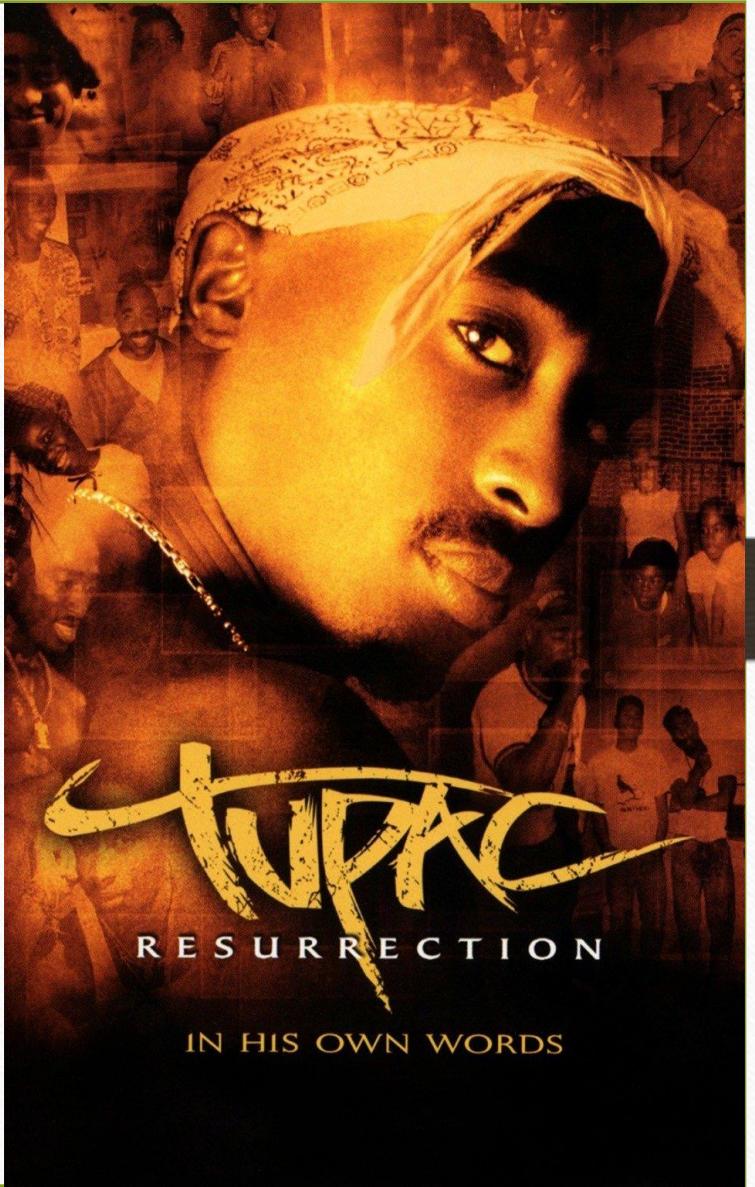
OUTLAWZ

- ❖ After he got out of Jail he formed the group Outlawz which is an acronym for Operating Under Thug Lawz As Warriors.
- ❖ When he formed the Outlawz, 2Pac gave each of the members a name of a dictator or a military leader that were enemies of America.
 - ❖ Yaki Kadafi, after Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.
 - ❖ Hussein Fatal, after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.
 - ❖ Mussolini , after Italian fascist dictator Benito Mussolini.
 - ❖ Komani (Shakur's step brother Mopreme Shakur), after Iranian Islamic Revolution leader Ruhollah "Ayatollah" Khomeini.
 - ❖ Castro, after Cuban communist revolutionary and leader Fidel Castro.
 - ❖ E.D.I. Mean, after Ugandan president and dictator Idi Amin.
 - ❖ Napoleon, after the French general and emperor Napoleon Bonaparte.



Discography and Song Meanings

- ❖ Brenda's Got A Baby - Through a teenager's narrative lens and point of view, 2Pac addresses pregnancy, ineffective welfare, and the weak family structure rotting the ghetto.
- ❖ Changes - Pac's anger and view on race, class and politics.
- ❖ Dear Mama - is the song that made it OK to admit: even if they kill people and sell drugs, deep down, thugs are all sensitive mama's boys.
- ❖ Only God Can Judge Me - The lyrics find him confused, angry, and paranoid.
- ❖ Shorty Wanna Be A Thug - 2Pac expresses his storytelling on this classic as he illustrates the mindset of a young man's desire to be a thug.
- ❖ All Eyez On Me - This classic gives us an idea of what the media was doing with Pac's life.
- ❖ Life Goes On - He pays tribute to his late friends, and also reflects on his own life, and potential death.



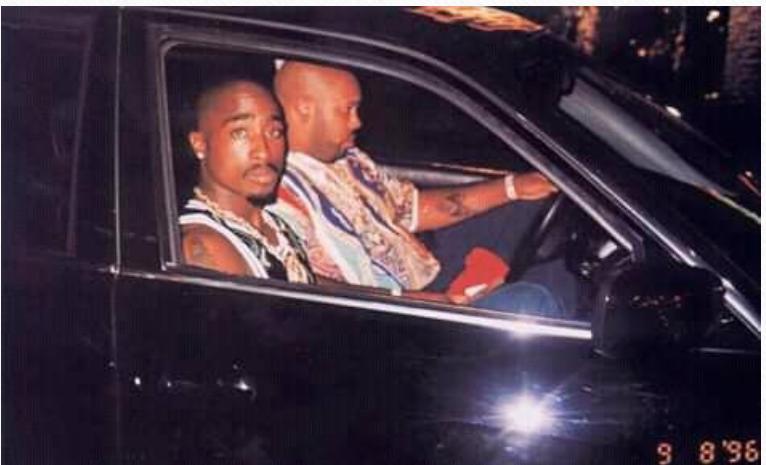


INTERESTING FACTS

- ❖ 2Pac created the term “THUG LIFE” which basically created a reflection on social,economical and political problems which plagued the world outside of him.
- ❖ It is worth noticing that all of his work includes:gender inequality,poverty,black on black treatments,police brutality,prejudice,teen harassments,relationships with his mother, racism, personal struggles,imprisonment and his childhood.
- ❖ His long term rivalry with his friend turned rival The Notorious B.I.G resulted in an East Coast-West Coast rap rivalry.
- ❖ 2Pac is regarded not only as a legendary lyricist, but also a great poet and storyteller.
- ❖ Pac’s catalog is a mess of experimentation, contradiction, and revolutionary promise.
- ❖ His songs were blockbuster dramatizations, and had an ideology to rally the proud black masses.
- ❖ He spent 19 hours a day in the studio,considering a day has 24 hours it is pretty hard to do that.
- ❖ *All Eyez On Me*, the crown jewel of 2Pac’s catalog, is a superhuman spectrum of virtue and vice, invincibility and paranoia.
- ❖ These are the REASONS and FACTS that make **Tupac Amaru Shakur** the greatest rapper,musician,artist of ALL TIME.

DEATH AND POSTHUMOUS MUSIC AND INFLUENCE

- ❖ He was shot 4 times on September 7th at 11:15 P.M and died on September 13th at 4:03 P.M.



His last photo taken at 10:55 P.M 20 minutes before he was shot.

Tupac recorded over 713 songs and starred in 7 films from 1991-1996. He sold 75 million records, had 9 Platinum albums, and 7 albums worth of music ready to go for when he died. All by the age of 25. The greatest, ever. 



- ❖ His murderer still remains unknown, but something that isn't unknown is his impact on music to this day.
- ❖ After he died Rap Music worsened and it didn't have that much value anymore.
- ❖ His Documentary "Tupac: Resurrection" was released on November 14th 2003, and his biopic "All Eyez On Me" was released on June 16th 2017 on his 46th Birthday.