

African musicians - Youssou N'Dour

1 New words for this article

Nouveaux mots pour cet article

musician	a person who makes music
politician	a person who works in politics
rhythm	the strong sound of music; it comes from the drums
minister	a senior politician, a person in the government
ambassador	a person who speaks for his/her country in another country
honour	a prize for your work

2 Comprehension Questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- 1 What is the title of one of Youssou's films?
- 2 What is the name of Youssou's style of music?
- 3 What was Youssou's job in government?
- 4 Which prize did he get for his music?
- 5 Which university gave him an honour?

3 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Pratiquez vos compétences orales - répétez ces phrases.

- 1 Youssou N'Dour is a famous musician from Senegal.
- 2 He comes from the city of Dakar.
- 3 He is a very popular singer and also writes the songs and the music.
- 4 He is famous in other countries as well as Senegal.
- 5 He's an international pop star.

4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

- 1 What language does Youssou speak?
- 2 What is his group called?
- 3 What did he do for Nelson Mandela?
- 4 What did he do for the United Nations?

5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) -

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

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|---|--------------------------------|---|---|
| A | He has won | E | for his music |
| B | He has a Grammy | F | an honour from the government of Sweden |
| C | He has | G | for his political work |
| D | an honour from Yale University | H | many prizes for his work |

6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 Youssou comes from Dakar
- 2 His mother and father are from Mali
- 3 He speaks Wolof, the language of Senegal
- 4 He played with many music groups, like the Star Band.
- 5 He formed his own group, Etoile de Dakar, in 1988.

7 Fill in the gap - Remplir le vide

He is also a ...1....
 He was the minister of ...2.... in Senegal, from 2012 to 2013.
 He is famous for his ...3... work - not only for music.
 In 2000 he was an ...4... for the United Nations.
 He made a ...5... to free Nelson Mandela. He worked with UNICEF to help poor people.

Answers –

2 Comprehension questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- 1 Return to Goree or Amazing Grace
- 2 The style is Mbalax
- 3 He was the minister of tourism in Senegal
- 4 He won a Grammy for his music
- 5 Yale University in the USA gave him an honour

4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

- 1 Wolof
- 2 Etoile de Dakar
- 3 He made a concert
- 4 He was an ambassador

5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

A=H
B=E
C=F
D=G

6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 3 True
- 4 True
- 5 False

7 Fill in the gap – Remplir le vide

- 1 politician
- 2 tourism
- 3 political
- 4 ambassador
- 5 concert