

Directions:

1. Scan text and break into reasonable/logical chunks

For each chunk:

1. Identify and solve unknown words using “roadblock strategies”
2. Read and T2T: Write comments/questions/connections in margin
3. Highlight important ideas
4. Write one-sentence summaries in the **LEFT** page

Famous rapper from Atlanta arrested for living in the U.S. without visa

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21 Savage at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 2018. Fans were shocked when 21 Savage was taken into custody on February 3, 2019, by U.S. immigration agents in Georgia. Born in Britain, he was brought to the U.S. at age 12.

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LOS ANGELES, California — 21 Savage is a famous rapper. U.S. immigration officers arrested him in Georgia. He did not have permission to be in the country. Fans were shocked. They did not even know he was an immigrant.

21 Savage's music is very connected with Atlanta, Georgia. Few knew he was really born in England. He came to the U.S. at age 12.

The rapper was arrested on February 3. Many wrote about their surprise on Twitter.

Samuel Hine is a writer and editor. He wrote an article about 21 Savage for GQ magazine. He explained that 21 Savage is such an Atlanta rapper. People cannot believe he is really British.

Few knew where 21 Savage was born. He has an American accent. His birth name, Sha Yaa Bin Abraham-Joseph, could come from many places.

Arrested And Possibly Deported

Bryan Cox works for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It is a government agency. It arrests and deports people for breaking immigration laws. Deportation is when people are forced to leave the country. Cox said that Abraham-Joseph was arrested in Atlanta. He could be deported. Before someone is deported, however, a trial is held. They have the right to have their case heard.

Abraham-Joseph's lawyers said the government knew he did not have a visa. Visas give immigrants or visitors permission to be in the country. In 2017, Abraham-Joseph applied for a new visa. Government officials are still looking at his case. His attorneys say he should not have been arrested.

Abraham-Joseph came to the U.S. as a child in 2005. He stayed in the country after his visa ended in 2006. His lawyers said it was not his fault he lost his visa. It happens to many children. Now, Abraham-Joseph has children of his own. They are U.S. citizens.

Abraham-Joseph spent his teenage years in Atlanta. Hine said his image and music were defined by the city.

Fans React With Surprise And Anger

In 2015, Abraham-Joseph put out his first recordings. He quickly became famous. Later, he worked with famous musicians, like Post Malone. His song with Post Malone, "Rockstar," could win a 2019 Grammy award.

People are angry about 21 Savage's arrest. They tweeted out their support.

Patrisse Cullors made an online campaign. People signed it to stop Abraham-Joseph's deportation. Cullors helped start Black Lives Matter. They work to stop the unfair treatment of black people in the country.

People were very surprised that Abraham-Joseph is an immigrant. He has talked about immigration recently, though. On January 28, Abraham-Joseph went on the "Tonight Show." He rapped about families being separated at the border.

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