

## 2PAC.

So yesterday was the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Tupac Shakur's death. Everyone is going on about it. It's a big deal. 22 years. What was he most famous for. Well, first, because he was a rapper, and he is dead. But mostly, because of the message that he sent. In his lyrics. You need to listen to his albums to understand. But he wrote about life in the hood. Trying to make people aware of what was happening in the hood. In the ghetto. Black rights and all of that. But his first album: 2pacalypse now, is, in my opinion, where he gave the best arguments, and the best tracks. The same goes for biggie. 2pac and biggie were the best at that. Probably the pioneers of east coast gangster rap and making people aware. Of course, NWA have been doing it of years in the west coast. It's funny how hip hop is so different in two parts of the country. NWA's Straight outta Compton, did the same but in such a different style. East coast is more chill and serious, while west coast is more like a joke. Just listen to eazy-e and you will know. But this is about 2pac. He was born on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1971 in New York. He moved to California 1988. He started to become famous in the early 90's and then he released his debut album 2pacalypse now. His album Me Against the world is considered one of the most influential album in hip hop and in music in general. His 4<sup>th</sup> and last album All Eyez on Me, went platinum 5 times. It was released with Death Row Records and Interscope Records. After he was released from prison he joined Death Row Records and released the famous single "California Love". His album All Eyez on Me sold over 9 million copies. Then Dr. Dre left to start his own record label Aftermath. He was also in the movie Juice (1992). 2pacs bail was \$1.4 million which was paid by the CEO of Death Row, Suge Knight. Tupac joined the ranks of other rappers-turned-actors, such as Ice Cube and Ice-T, when he was cast in the motion picture Juice. He released Me Against the World as soon as he left prison because of sexual assault charges. Right now he has sold up to 75 million albums. His mother was part of the black panther party and when Tupac joined the, he changed his name from Lesane Parish Crooks to Tupac Shakur. Which was his mother's maiden name. He was shot 7<sup>th</sup> September of 1996 and died 6 days later. Nobody knows who killed him.