

## The Hoodie – Worksheet

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### **A. Pre-listening:**

- When you think of a hoodie what words come to mind? Brainstorm as many words as you can.
- Do you think hoodies attract positive or negative comments? Why or why not?
- Do you own one? Why or why not?
- If you own one, when do you wear it?

### **B. Vocabulary: Match the word with the right meaning.**

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| 1. A Monk.             | a. Suitable clothes for the right occasion.                   |
| 2. The grim reaper.    | b. A person who takes the law into their own hands.           |
| 3. The executioner.    | c. An official who carries out a sentence of death.           |
| 4. Defies convention.  | d. Death as a personified force.                              |
| 5. Respectable attire. | e. Something known for its usefulness rather than its beauty. |
| 6. Donning (to don).   | f. To get dressed / put on an item of clothing.               |
| 7. Vigilante.          | g. To do unexpected or unusual things.                        |
| 8. Utilitarian.        | h. A man who is part of a religious order.                    |

### **C. Now listen to the track and answer these questions:**

- a. What did the speaker describe the hoodie as?
- b. What has the hoodie been throughout history?
- c. When did ladies wear them and why?
- d. What is the hoodie now typically made of?
- e. Who introduced it in the 1930's?
- f. Why did athletes use hoodies?
- g. Who adopted it in the 1980's?
- h. Which businessman is regularly seen wearing one?

- i. Who was Trayvon Martin and what happened to him?
- j. What happened in the US after Martin's death?
- k. Although basic in design, what does the speaker conclude about the hoodie?

**Listen again and complete the missing spaces:**

- a. It's one of those \_\_\_\_\_ that we hardly think of.
- b. It's been an \_\_\_\_\_ throughout history for good and for bad reasons.
- c. So, there's the \_\_\_\_\_ of the hoodie.
- d. It was such a functional, comfortable garment that it was very rapidly adopted by \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere.
- e. If you're wearing a two-piece suit, you might be the \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. You can immediately think of wearing the hood up, and you feel this \_\_\_\_\_ and this protection.
- g. It doesn't happen that often for a \_\_\_\_\_ to have so much symbolism and history and that encompasses so many different universes as the hoodie.
- h. It has a whole \_\_\_\_\_ of possibilities attached.

**D. Post-listening:**

- What did you find surprising about this video?
- What did you learn?
- What new vocabulary have you learnt?