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| *I. Expand the following statements giving the description of an imaginary person.*  1) He looks like a huge bear.  2) She is as pretty as a picture.  3) He is as ugly as sin.  4) My aunt is over 40, but she doesn’t look her age. |
| II. *Discuss the following questions:*   1. Say what you consider to be good or bad taste in clothes. 2. Would you like to be a model? Why / why not? |
| *III. Look through the article ‘From Snoop Dogg with Love: Rapper Dedicates Clothing Line to Belarus’ and discuss it with your partner.* |
| IV. *Discuss the following quotations*:  Every generation laughs at the old fashions, but follows religiously the new. **Henry David Thoreau**  I dress for the image. Not for myself, not for the public, not for fashion, not for men. **Marlene Dietrich**  Fashion is what one wears oneself. What is unfashionable is what other people wear. **Oscar Wilde**  The goal I seek is to have people refine their style through my clothing without having them become victims of fashion. **Giorgio Armani** |

**FROM SNOOP DOGG WITH LOVE:**

**RAPPER DEDICATES CLOTHING LINE TO BELARUS**

The new collection unveiled on Instagram was inspired by a group of street artists not popular with Belarusian authorities

Snoop Dogg loves Belarus – or so his latest collection of T-shirts and accessories proclaims.

The rapper posted snapshot of a backpack [on his Instagram account](http://instagram.com/p/vCIoqFv9Mn/?modal=true) to launch the range, which features T-shirts, iPhone cases, and laptop covers all adorned with [traditional Belarusian embroidery patterns](http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/legacy/learningenglish/2010/12/from-belarus-with-love-or-bela.shtml).

[His online store](http://westfestmall.skyou.com/home.shtml?artistId=6&pageIndex=1) even advertises the fact, with the designs captioned “Snoop Loves Belarus”.

And he’s made some people happy. Instagram user [the\_indigochild](http://instagram.com/the_indigochild) said: “Hi Snoop! I doubt you will notice my post, but I just wanted to thank you for this ... I’m from Belarus and I’m so happy to see my country being acknowledged by such iconic person like you! Belarus Loves Snoop,” adding the hashtag #proud. ❤️❤️

The collection was designed by a group of street artists from the city of Vitebsk, known as Hoodgraff, who said Snoop Dogg first made contact in 2013.

“He has been following our work as street artists for a long time,” said HoodGraff member Anton, known as Boorj. This summer the rapper asked Boorj and his team to come up with designs for a Belarusian collection.

“He likes ornaments and patterns a lot and he was very surprised that Belarus has such unusual ornaments,” says Anton. “He had never seen anything like it. He said, ‘Let’s do it,’ and that’s how it started.”

The pro-democracy Belarusian news site [Charter 97](http://www.charter97.org/en/news/) said the rapper had successfully tapped into the zeitgeist. “Today, going back to one’s Belarusian roots is gaining popularity. It is becoming really trendy to wear T-shirts with ancient folk patterns, to speak Belarusian,” the site said.

But its unclear whether the Snoop Loves Belarus range is intended as an endorsement of the [country’s authoritarian president, Alexander Lukashenko](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jun/09/-sp-belarus-remains-revolution-behind), who doesn’t appear to share the rapper’s fondness for HoodGraff.

The artists moved to Russia earlier this year after being fined $1,700 for trying to paint a mural of the internationally acclaimed Belarusian writer Vasil Bykov at a street-art festival in Minsk. [The late Bykov](http://www.themoscowtimes.com/sitemap/free/2003/6/article/belarussian-writer-vasil-bykov-dead-at-79/237628.html) was a vocal critic of Lukashenko, who has been in power since 1994.

The origins of Snoop Dogg’s interest in Belarus remain a mystery.

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