

North America's Celebrity Diplomatic Crossroads: Border Issues, Cultural Exchange

Celebrity Diplomacy · Answer Key · 16 Questions

1. Which U.S. government initiative, launched in September 2023, utilizes American musical artists to promote peace and cross-cultural connections internationally?

- A) The American Music Abroad Program
- B) The Global Music Diplomacy Initiative**
- C) The PEACE Through Music Diplomacy Act
- D) The Sounds of Unity Project

2. In early 2026, Mark Wiseman was appointed as Canada's new ambassador to the United States. What was his primary professional background before this diplomatic role?

- A) Career diplomat
- B) Former politician
- C) Investment manager**
- D) Academics and professor

3. What major North American trade agreement is scheduled for a joint review in July 2026, with its renewal also being a focus around the time of Mark Wiseman's appointment as Canada's ambassador to the U.S.?

- A) NAFTA
- B) USMCA
- C) CUSMA**
- D) GATT

4. A report in May 2025 indicated that former President Donald Trump was considering a significant tariff. What industry was this proposed tariff aimed at, impacting international production?

- A) Automotive manufacturing
- B) Pharmaceuticals
- C) Film and television production**
- D) Agriculture

5. In March 2025, Canadian actor Jasmine Mooney reported being detained in San Diego, California, for nearly two weeks. What was the primary reason cited for her detention?

- A) Expired passport
- B) An incomplete work visa**
- C) Suspected illegal immigration
- D) A public disturbance

6. The Inter-American Dialogue officially launched its Mexico Program in May 2025. What key areas of bilateral cooperation between the U.S. and Mexico were highlighted for discussion?

- A) Space exploration and technology
- B) Security, migration, and trade**
- C) Environmental conservation and energy
- D) Cultural heritage and tourism

7. In January 2024, the U.S. Department of State's American Music Abroad program sent artists to over 30 countries. What is a stated aim of this initiative?

- A) To promote American tourism
- B) To foster international music collaborations
- C) To promote peace through American culture**
- D) To discover new musical talent

8. In April 2025, Canadian rock icon Neil Young expressed concerns about potential border issues. What did he fear could lead to problems when traveling to play music in the U.S.?

- A) His past drug convictions
- B) His public criticism of U.S. political figures**
- C) His dual Canadian-American citizenship
- D) His environmental activism

9. In May 2023, the Mexican government announced a deal with six major Hollywood studios. What was the central objective of this agreement?

- A) To reduce filming costs in Mexico
- B) To bring more movie and series productions to Mexico**
- C) To promote Mexican actors in Hollywood
- D) To establish joint film festivals

10. In May 2026, SAG-AFTRA, the union representing Hollywood actors, reached a tentative agreement with major studios. What type of content does this new contract cover?

- A) News broadcasts and documentaries
- B) Live theater and Broadway productions
- C) Films, scripted TV dramas, and streaming content**
- D) Radio dramas and podcasts

11. In a September 2024 initiative called "Vota con Ganas," or "Vote with Enthusiasm," which demographic was the Voto Latino Foundation aiming to mobilize for the November elections with celebrity endorsements?

- A) African American voters
- B) Asian American voters
- C) Latino voters**
- D) Native American voters

12. In May 2026, an Australian musician, Adam Hyde (Keli Holiday), reported being detained at the Canada-U.S. border and denied re-entry into the U.S. What was his girlfriend's reported belief regarding the cause of the issue?

- A) He had visa violations
- B) A past social media post was misinterpreted as a call to assassinate the U.S. President**
- C) He was involved in a political protest
- D) He failed to declare merchandise

13. In February 2026, Mark Wiseman was appointed Canada's ambassador to the United States. Which of these was NOT mentioned as a priority for his role by Carney's office?

- A) Secure borders
- B) A strengthened trade and investment relationship
- C) Cooperation on global challenges
- D) Increased cultural exchange programs**

14. In March 2025, a Canadian actor was detained for almost two weeks in San Diego, California, due to an 'incomplete work visa.' Which American Pie franchise actor was this?

- A) Tara Reid
- B) Jasmine Mooney**
- C) Shannon Elizabeth
- D) Alyson Hannigan

15. What U.S. diplomatic initiative, building on past efforts, was launched in September 2023 to use music as a tool for promoting peace and cross-cultural connections, involving artists like Raining Jane and The Beatbox House?

- A) Cultural Exchange Program
- B) American Voices Initiative
- C) Global Music Diplomacy Initiative**
- D) Harmony Across Borders

16. In February 2024, discussions by foreign diplomats from Germany, Mexico, and the U.S. (former Ambassador to NATO) highlighted concerns about the global standing of which nation's foreign policy?

A) China

B) Russia

C) The United States

D) The European Union